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RE: SUSPECTS HARRY GORDON COLE, JR.,
Aka. H. Gordon Cole, H. G. Cole,
Jr., Gordon Cole and CLAY/BLAINE

On February 12, 1964, Miss Golda Louise Newton, resident of 880 North Garland, Memphis, Tennessee, who owns and operates the Newton Secretarial Service, 1529 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, advised SA Joseph H. Kearney, Jr. and SA William H. Lawrence as follows:

On November 4, 1963, an individual identifying himself as Gordon Cole came to her office accompanied by a Cuban extraction and who was approximately twenty to twenty-one years of age, short of stature and who wore a black beard. This "Cuban-looking" individual had a large mouth, dark hair, fair complexion, spoke good English and wore cloth gloves on his hands.

The person claiming to be identical with Dr. Gordon Cole was a white male, described as 38 to 42 years of age, about 5 feet 9 inches in height, having dark eyes, dark brown hair, ordinary features, wearing an amber-colored sports coat and tan trousers. Cole spoke with a cultured English accent.

Cole contracted with Miss Newton to write one or two letters for him. She recalled that one letter was written to some unrecalled location and that in the letter Cole was inquiring about the possibility of purchasing a 100-room hotel.

While she was typing the letters, the "Cuban-appearing individual" told her that he had injured his hands while trying to repair a bulldozer. Newton claimed that she asked Dr. Gordon Cole what kind of medicine he specialized in and he allegedly replied that he was "probably a fake".

Later on November 15, 1963, Dr. Cole dictated two letters to her over the telephone and came in on the afternoon of November 15, 1963, to pick up the letters.

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At this time he was again accompanied by the Cuban-appearing individual who, by this time, had shaved off his beard. He still wore the gloves and at no time did he remove the gloves. Miss Newton found transcripts of the two letters which Cole dictated on November 15, 1963, one being addressed to the American Vegetarian Hygienist, P. O. Box 1744, Patterson, New Jersey, in which Cole was subscribing for a subscription and enclosing an advertisement to be placed in the December, 1963, issue. The other letter dictated by Cole was addressed to Dr. Herbert M. Shelton, P. O. Box 1277, San Antonio, Texas, in which Cole was enclosing a copy of an advertisement to be placed in "The Review" for the December, 1963, issue. He was enclosing a personal check in the amount of \$5 to cover the advertisement. Both of these letters were signed Dr. Gordon Colé, 70 North Waldran, Memphis, Tennessee.

Miss Newton advised that the November 4, 1963, letters were paid for by Cole in cash and as a consummation of the transaction November 15, 1963, Cole paid her with a \$2 check which she recalled was drawn on the Union Planters Bank, Memphis, Tennessee. She stated that she has never cashed this check.

Following the assassination of President Kennedy November 22, 1963, Miss Newton stated that she, by intuition and perhaps a woman's natural curiosity, began to wonder whether or not Cole and the Cuban-looking individual could have had anything to do with the President's assassination. She related that in all fairness she had no basis whatsoever for believing that either of these individuals could have had anything to do with the assassination and that neither of them had ever given her any indication that they had any connection with Dallas, Texas. She jumped to the conclusion that they may have had something to do with the late President's death, simply because of the fact that radio and newspaper publicity implicated one Lee Harvey Oswald with the assassination and publicity indicated further that Oswald had been connected with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC); that because of Oswald's alleged connection with Cuba she immediately became suspicious of anyone who had ever been to Cuba or who by their appearance might give the indication that they had

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come from Cuba. She stated that she continued to worry about this possibility and following a death in the family around Christmas, 1963, she had occasion to see a first cousin, namely, Sherwood Newton Conner, a member of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., and who resides Route 1, Box 141, Accokeek, Maryland.

On December 30, 1963, she wrote a letter to Sherwood Newton Conner in which she voiced her suspicions of Dr. Gordon Cole, also known as Gordon Cole, and the white male who had accompanied Cole to her office, November 4, 1963, and November 15, 1963. She said that she also enclosed to Conner the \$2 check which Cole had written to her dated November 15, 1963, in the event Conner might decide to turn her suspicions and the check over to the FBI.

Newton claimed that she took it upon herself to try to trace Cole and called the telephone company and was advised by an information clerk that Gordon Cole did have a telephone but that he had asked that the telephone company not give his number to anyone. She then began to wonder whether or not Cole could have any Dallas connections and claimed that she called the Memphis Public Library Reference Department and was advised by someone there that the 1963 Dallas, Texas, Telephone Directory did list a Gordon Cole living at 709 Cindy, Dallas, Texas. She said that she further told her cousin that she had looked at the photographs of Lee Oswald and Jack Ruby, the person charged with the November 24, 1963, shooting of Oswald, and that she had concluded that Oswald looked enough like Ruby to be his son, having what she claimed to be the same build, same features, and same profile. She concluded that if anyone desired to check this possibility that they should "check Oswald's mother pretty closely". She said she also complained to her cousin, Mr. Conner, that she thought there was a big network of Communists right under "our noses and that this country did nothing about it". She claimed that the Government has coddled and treated Communists better than honest, true-blooded Americans.

Miss Newton added that on February 11, 1964, one Howard Trenor, listing his address as 1970 Eastmoreland Street, Memphis, Tennessee, came to her and contracted with her to type a lengthy document addressed to U. S. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Earl Warren, and member of his committee which had been appointed by President Lyndon Johnson to make inquiries relative to the assassination of President Kennedy. She stated that Trenor had certain

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suspicions and theories concerning who may have been responsible for the assassination and that she typed Trenor's material for him which he said he planned to furnish to Chief Justice Warren and also to J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. While talking with Trenor, she voiced to him her suspicions of Gordon Cole and Trenor seemed most interested and insisted that she type out for him her basis for suspecting Cole. She stated that she probably should not have done so, but finally relented and did type a two-page document dated February 12, 1964, addressed to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., and signed Golda Louise Newton, 880 North Garland, Memphis, Tennessee.

This document which she dated February 12, 1964, contained ostensibly the same information which she furnished to interviewing agents on February 12, 1964, as set out hereinbefore.

Miss Newton again emphasized that she had no real basis whatsoever in suspecting Dr. Gordon Cole, also known as Gordon Cole, or his unidentified companion, insofar as they might be implicated in the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy. She stated that her only basis was a woman's intuition.

She said she had had no further contact with Cole and had no idea as to his current whereabouts.

Recent Memphis City Directories do not list a Gordon Cole or a Dr. Gordon Cole.

On February 13, 1964, Memphis Confidential Informant T-1, connected with a public-service type organization, advised that one Gordon Cole has lived at 70 North Waldran, Memphis, Tennessee, at least since October 31, 1963, and is still listed at this address. He has listed himself as employed as a medical doctor in private practice. T-1 possessed no further information concerning this individual.

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On February 13, 1964, [REDACTED] Consumers Credit Bureau, 198 South Main Street, advised that her agency had no record of a Gordon Cole or Dr. Gordon Cole.

On February 13, 1964, Memphis Confidential Informant T-2, connected with a public service type organization at Memphis, Tennessee, advised from records that Gordon Cole has resided at Apartment 1, 70 North Waldran, Memphis, since October 9, 1963, at which time he listed his occupation as a therapist at the John Gaston Hospital and later, exact date not listed, showed himself as employed as a "private duty nurse" and listed his wife as Margaret Cole. He had previously resided at 2225 Union Avenue, Apartment 3, from September 9, 1960, through September 30, 1960; lived at 2122 Cowden from September 30, 1960, until March 2, 1961; lived at 76 North Pauline Street, Apartment 2, from February 4, 1963, until July 16, 1963; had lived at 76 North Pauline, Apartment 1, from July 15, 1963, until September 17, 1963; and then lived at 1080 Poplar from September 4, 1963, until October 8, 1963, moving from there to the 70 North Waldran address on October 9, 1963.

On February 13, 1964, Memphis Confidential Informant T-3, connected with a prominent business establishment in Memphis, Tennessee, advised that one Dr. Gordon Cole of 70 North Waldran Street, has previously done business with this firm, beginning as early as October 30, 1956, and has done business intermittently since that time. He had formerly resided at 3323 Cowden, 2225 Union Avenue, 721 Atlantic, 3323 Given, and back in 1960 he listed his occupation as that of a physical therapist at the University of Tennessee Medical Unit, Memphis, Tennessee; in 1956 and 1957 he listed his occupation as that of Youth Director of the Longview Heights Methodist Church; and had also listed himself as a student at Memphis State University and during that period listed his name as H. Gordon Cole.

On October 29, 1963, Cole indicated to one of the employees of T-3's institution that he is now a physician and was connected with the Methodist Hospital and was just beginning to establish himself in this capacity.

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On February 13, 1964, Mrs. Nova Johnson, Personnel Department, Methodist Hospital, advised that there is no record of any H. Gordon Cole, Gordon Cole, or Dr. Gordon Cole being connected with the Methodist Hospital. She pointed out that a physical therapist could do work for a private physician and that her institution would have no particular record in this regard.

By communication dated February 24, 1964, the Washington Field Office of the FBI advised that Sherwood Newton Conner, Precinct 11, Washington, D. C. Metropolitan Police Department, advised SA HOMER R. HAUER he had returned Golda Newton's check to her by letter.

On March 2, 1964, an individual identifying himself as Harry Gordon Cole, Jr.; also known as Gordon Cole, H. G. Cole, H. Gordon Cole, of Apartment 1, 70 North Waldran Street, Memphis, orally furnished the following information to SA Joseph H. Kearney, Jr. and SA William H. Lawrence:

He is 40 years of age, a white male, six feet tall, weighs 185 pounds, has dark brown hair, a large brown mustache and wears gold rimmed glasses.

He lived in San Antonio, Texas, until eight years ago and has not since been to Texas.

He is by study a naturopath and had a large sign in his living room reading "H. G. Cole, Jr." He is not allowed to practice as a naturopath in Tennessee due to state laws forbidding such practice. He is a licensed practical nurse and provides his living by working as a male nurse. He procures his jobs through the office of the Licensed Practical Nurse and Attendant Registry, 81 Madison Building, Memphis. He also works as a physical therapist.

He is married to Margaret Cole. During October, 1963, Mr. and Mrs. Cole were separated. One night, while loafing in Cole's Sundry Store (no relation), 1056 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Mrs. Mabel Cole, the proprietor, introduced Harry Gordon Cole to a young 21-year-old male, white man, named Clay Blaine. Blaine had no place to live and was

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invited by Cole to live with him until his wife returned.

Blaine has lived with Cole since that time, remaining as a roomer in the apartment even after Margaret Cole returned. Cole described Blaine as being somewhat mentally retarded, originally from Alabama. Blaine, he said, is about five feet three inches tall, weighs 117 pounds, fair complexion, light brown hair, wearing glasses with heavy black frames. He has a "beatnik" appearance. During early November, 1963, Blaine grew a short beard after some girls told him he would be cute with a beard. He shaved it off before it developed fully.

With regard to November 22, 1963, Cole said he remained at 70 North Waldran nearly all day. He believed he called the Licensed Practical Nurses and Attendants Registry, 81 Madison Building, on November 22, 1963, to see if any jobs were available. After hearing of the assassination of the late President Kennedy, Clay Blaine and Cole went next door to the apartment of their neighbor, Bill Slover, a cab driver, to watch the news coverage of this tragic event on television.

Cole said he has never been to Dallas, Texas, knows no one there and has no idea as to who may have been responsible for the assassination of President Kennedy.

Cole said his only Texas contact is Dr. Herbert M. Shelton, a naturopath, who edits the "Hygenic Review", a journal devoted to naturopathy. He frequently corresponds with Shelton.

Cole volunteered that he is anti-Communist and that about ten to twelve years ago he received, unsolicited, an anarchist type magazine from Kentucky, which he reported to the FBI Office at San Antonio, Texas.

Cole added that Clay Blaine worked for the New Craft Company in Memphis in the summer of 1963 and developed a severe skin rash. Since then Blaine has worn gloves to cover the ugliness of his hands. Elaine is suing New Craft

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Company because of the damage to his hands. Attorney John Byrnes, with offices in the Sterick Building, is representing Blaine.

On March 3, 1964, Bill Slover, resident of Apartment 2, 70 North Waldran, Memphis, Tennessee, and employed as driver, Veterans Cab Company, advised SA William H. Lawrence that one H. Gordon Cole, who claims to be some sort of a naturopath and health food fanatic and who is employed as a male nurse, has been living in Apartment 1, 70 North Waldran, since late September or early October, 1963.

Slover knows little about Cole. Several months ago a young white male, known to Slover as Clay Blaine, began living with Cole. Blaine is short in height and light in weight. For a while prior to Christmas, 1963, Blaine tried to grow a beard for unknown reasons.

With regard to events of November 22, 1963, Slover said he well recalled being at home all day, since he does not go to work until the evening of each day.

He remembered hearing of the assassination of the late United States President John Fitzgerald Kennedy and thereafter, during afternoon and early evening of November 22, 1963, watched the news coverage of this matter on television.

H. Gordon Cole and Blaine, who did not have a television in their apartment, came to Slover's apartment and were his guests in watching television.

Slover said he has never had any reasons to question the loyalty to the United States of Blaine or Cole, has not known of either of them taking any trips out of town and has never heard either of them make any hate-type statements against the late President Kennedy.