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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1166)

From: Director, FBI (62-109060) - 2627

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS

Re Dallas airtel 3/12/64 relating to a letter received by Dallas from one John C. Paulk of Savannah, Tenn., a copy of which is furnished for the assistance of Memphis. Also enclosed for Memphis and Dallas is a copy of a letter and envelope written by Paulk relating to alleged information in the possession of one Oscar Barnhill of Savannah, Tenn.

No information identifiable with Paulk or Barnhill could be located in Bureau files.

The President's Commission has requested logical investigation be conducted to resolve this allegation. Memphis is instructed to promptly locate and interview both Paulk and Barnhill concerning any information they may have relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. Mr. Paulk's letter to the Commission should be acknowledged at this time.

The results of investigation should be incorporated in an appropriate letterhead memorandum without property stamp for submission to the Bureau and Dallas. Memphis should insure the basis for this investigation is set out in the letterhead memorandum. This matter must receive expeditious attention, and you will be held strictly accountable for insuring it is suitable for immediate dissemination without correction or revision.

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NOTE: Dallas forwarded letter bearing Paulk's return address which was postmarked 3/9/64 at Savannah, Tenn., and addressed to "U.S. Investigating Committee." This letter was delivered to Mr. Rankin of the Commission on 3/16/64 and it was ascertained Mr. Paulk stated one Oscar Barnhill of Savannah, Tenn., might be able to furnish information on the rifle used in the assassination. The general tone of the letter would indicate it was written by an individual with a limited education and that it is very doubtful that any information of value will be developed. However in view of Commission's request Memphis is being instructed to run this matter out. When the results are obtained, it will be promptly disseminated to the Commission.