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To: SAC, New Orleans (89-69)

From: Director, FBI (62-109060)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11-22-63
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
OO: DALLAS

Re New Orleans airtel dated 11-29-66.

In view of the information and allegations contained in reairtel, New Orleans is instructed to reopen this matter and conduct active investigation.

Investigation should be directed to locating and fully identifying Clifford Johnson and thereafter he should be interviewed in connection with Chatham's allegation. In addition, the individuals referred to by complainant Chatham, one of whom allegedly resembled Lee Harvey Oswald, should be identified through Clifford Johnson when located.

Investigation should also be directed toward establishing any valid information which would establish any degree of mental incompetency on the part of complainant Chatham.

The results of investigation are to be incorporated into an LHM suitable for dissemination by the Bureau. Your memorandum should incorporate the signed statement obtained from Chatham; however, it will not be necessary for the New Orleans Division to include in the LHM that Chatham previously contacted the New Orleans Division and desired to be a paid informant of the FBI.

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Airtel to SAC, New Orleans
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

All leads are to be covered expeditiously so this matter can be resolved at the earliest possible date. New Orleans should hold in abeyance dissemination of your LHM to local Secret Service until advised by the Bureau.

NOTE: Reairtel contained allegations made by Eustace T. Chatham that an alleged cousin of President Johnson, "Clifford Johnson," and the President were involved in a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy. New Orleans Division has been instructed to fully identify and interview Clifford Johnson regarding these allegations and to further determine whether there is any valid information available concerning the complainant which would reflect upon his mental incompetency.

See memo Rosen to DeLoach dated 12-2-66, KMR:cmh, assassination caption.