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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: December 2, 1966

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Halley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 22, 1963

PURPOSE:

To advise New Orleans Division obtained a signed statement from one Eustace Chatham alleging three men were involved in the assassination of President Kennedy. One of these individuals was named, "Clifford Johnson," described as a cousin of President Johnson. New Orleans has been instructed to conduct investigation.

BACKGROUND:

On November 28, 1966, the New Orleans Office interviewed and obtained a signed statement from Eustace T. Chatham. He alleged he was working on a shrimp boat several years ago in Brownsville, Texas, owned by an individual named Clifford Johnson. Johnson was alleged to be a cousin of President Johnson, and Chatham indicated he was asked by Johnson if he would kill the President for \$50,000 or \$100,000 or \$150,000.

Chatham related that Johnson was reported to have said, "we would get him," meaning President Kennedy. Clifford Johnson was reported to have said that "Lyndon Johnson wanted to be President of the United States and that Lyndon Johnson doesn't care how he gets it."

Chatham reported that on another occasion he saw two men approach Clifford Johnson when the boat was docked at "Ranses Pass, Texas." One of these individuals resembled Lee Harvey Oswald.

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

The interviewing Agents advised Chatham appeared vague as to dates and details of occurrences, and determined that Chatham had not furnished this information to any other law enforcement agency. Chatham also wanted to receive any rewards paid for the information he furnished.

Based on information furnished complainant, Eustace T. Chatham and Clifford Johnson were not identified in Bureau files.

ACTION:

Since allegations involved the President, New Orleans has been instructed to conduct investigation to resolve this matter. Thereafter, the White House, United States Secret Service, and Department will be advised.

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