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ANONYMOUS NOTES DEPOSITED IN MAILBOXES,
DOTHAN, ALABAMA, JANUARY, 1967 CONCERN-
ING THE GRAVES OF "JFK" AND "OSWALD"

During the first week of January, 1967, the follow-
ing anonymous notes were deposited in mailboxes in the down-
town section of Dothan, Alabama:

Slip of paper bearing hand printed message
"WE ARE USING "SMOKE" OUR OWN SMOKE" TO
COMMUNICATE. WANKA SMOKE OR SWEAT"

Slip of paper bearing hand printed message "THE
GRAVES OF JFK AND OSWALD ARE EMPTY... AND WE CAN
AND WILL PROVE IT. SWEAT -- FBI -- SWEAT"

Slip of paper bearing hand printed message
"COMES APRIL WE MAY SHOW HOW EMPTY THOSE GRAVES
OF JFK AND OSWALD ARE!! SWEAT -- FBI -- SWEAT"

These notes were examined by the FBI Laboratory,
and it was determined that there was no watermark or indented
writing of value on these items, which would indicate the source
of this material.

These specimens were searched through the appropriate
sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an iden-
tification.

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On January 23, 1967, J. P. Bryant, JR., Postal Inspector, Dothan, Alabama, advised that the anonymous notes in this matter appeared to be of the same nature as an anonymous note reading, "Is somebody 'snooping' your mail? Really! Our'n too!" mailed to him by a letter postmarked September 9, 1966, Dothan, Alabama. As background information Bryant stated that one Eddie H. Livingston, Route 4, Box 459, Dothan, a prolific letter writer to Congressmen, Government officials, newspapers and magazines, wrote a letter to Senator John Sparkman in the summer of 1966, alleging that someone was tampering with his mail. Bryant conducted an investigation, which determined that the allegation of Livingston was completely unfounded, and during the investigation, Bryant interviewed Livingston. A few days after this interview Bryant received the above anonymous note. When interviewed regarding the anonymous note, Livingston denied same, but submitted two pages of handprinting specimens on September 22, 1966.

Mr. Bryant made available the anonymous note he had received, plus the known handprinting specimens of Livingston, and these were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination.

Subsequently, the FBI Laboratory advised that because of the few variations, and due to the limited comparable material, a definite conclusion could not be reached as to whether the handprinting on the anonymous notes deposited in the mailboxes in Dothan, Alabama and the handprinting on the anonymous note received by the postal inspector and the known handprinting of Eddie Livingston were prepared by the same person.

When this matter was brought to his attention on February 8, 1967, Assistant U. S. Attorney J. O. Sentell, Middle District of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama, advised that he would check the statutes to determine if it was a

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Federal violation to deposit such anonymous notes in U. S. mailboxes.

On February 15, 1967, Mr. Sentell, advised that he was unable to locate a specific statute covering this type activity, and stated that even if the identity of the writer of these anonymous notes could be determined, he would not authorize prosecution of such person in the Federal District Court, in the absence of a specific statute covering this type situation.

On February 17, 1967, Mrs. Minnie Livingston, Route 4, Dothan, Alabama, the mother of Eddie H. Livingston, advised that she did not know the exact present whereabouts of Eddie Livingston. She stated that approximately two weeks ago he left Dothan, Alabama by bus, presumably to go to Miami, Florida, but he did not give a forwarding address, and just indicated he would return sometime in the next few weeks. Mrs. Livingston stated that she has not heard from him since his departure from Dothan, but presumably he is somewhere in the State of Florida. Such activity on the part of her son is not unusual, and frequently in the past he has left Dothan, Alabama for some unannounced destination, she would not hear from him, and then some weeks later he would return, advising her that he had been to a specific area.

Mrs. Livingston stated that since his return from the military service, her son has not been "completely right," indicating that he possibly was suffering from some mental disorder.

When recontacted on February 24, 28 and March 3, 1967, Mrs. Minnie Livingston advised that to date she still has not heard anything from her son, and she could not furnish any information as to his exact present whereabouts or the exact date he was due to return to Dothan, Alabama.

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Regarding Eddie H. Livingston, Route 4, Dothan, Alabama, information has previously come to the attention of the FBI regarding this individual, as noted as follows:

On July 16, 1963, [redacted] Dothan, Alabama Credit Bureau, advised that regarding Eddie Livingston, Route 4, Dothan, Alabama, there was an inquiry in November, 1962 from Searz Roebuck and Company, Dothan, regarding an account and in February, 1963 from Pauman's, Dothan, regarding an account, and in February, 1963 it showed that Livingston was single, he was receiving disability from the Veterans Administration, and he had a prior employment at Fort Rucker, Alabama. There was no additional information regarding Livingston in the files of the Dothan Credit Bureau.

Records, Dothan, Alabama Police Department, as checked July 16, 1963, show that an Eddie Livingston, white male, born November 13, 1921, 5'6 1/2", ruddy complexion, gray hair, brown eyes, stocky complexion, Route 4, Dothan, Alabama

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He was printed by Civil Service Commission,
March 31, 1955 as Eddie Horace Livingston.

On July 25, 1963, A confidential source, who has
furnished reliable information in the past, advised that
to his knowledge Eddie Livingston, white male, age approxi-
mately 45 to 50, single, has been a resident on Route 4,
for the past 20 years, and that Livingston had disability,
apparently was a former prisoner of war, presently is un-
employed and is a chronic letter writer, and is possibly
"off mentally." The source stated that Livingston con-
stantly writes editors of newspapers, publishers of
magazines, and has written different Presidents of the
U. S., the Vice Presidents and other Government officials.
The source stated that recently Livingston had assumed the
title of President of the Wiregrass Writers' Association,
apparently for prestige, in order to get return mail from
his different correspondences. The source stated that
Livingston has written several public figures under an
assumed name, and has been in frequent correspondence with
Nat Faulk, the editor of the Dothan Eagle.

This source stated that up until now Livingston
has been nonviolent, but at times he appears to be mentally
unbalanced, and has written a number of "crank" letters.
The source stated that he was aware that as of that time
Livingston had addressed letters to President Kennedy,
Vice President Johnson and a number of influential senators,
names not recalled, in Washington D.C. The source said he
believed Livingston had been investigated in the past re-
garding some of his "crank" letters, and had possibly been
investigated by the U. S. Postal Authorities.

On July 25, 1963, Nat Faulk, editor of the
Dothan Eagle, advised that for the past several years
Eddie Livingston, Route 4, Dothan, Alabama, has come to
his attention inasmuch as Livingston is a "crank" letter

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writer. As background information Faulk pointed out that Livingston had been a prisoner of war about two years, is presently 100 per cent disable, and is considered "off his rocker", meaning that Livingston was mentally unbalanced. Faulk stated that Livingston, under his own name and sometimes under an assumed name, frequently writes high Government officials, writes to numerous newspapers and magazines throughout the country, and has numerous times written the Dothan Eagle, complaining about different things, or wanting his letters published in the Dothan Eagle. Faulk pointed out that sometime ago Livingston wrote the Dothan Eagle, accusing that paper of being communist, inasmuch as the Dothan Eagle had backed fluoridation of water in Dothan, Alabama, and accused the Dothan Eagle of being in a criminal conspiracy regarding such purification of water. Faulk stated that the last letter sent out by Livingston was dated July 20, 1963 addressed to Governor Nelson Rockefeller, with copies to the Dothan Eagle, the FBI, the White House, and several senators, a total of 78 copies, in which Livingston was asking asylum for himself and other people from the reign of terror of Governor George Wallace of Alabama.

Faulk pointed out that lately Livingston has assumed a title with an organization originated by Livingston, the Wiregrass Writers' Club, and apparently there was another member of the club, whose identity was not recalled by Faulk. Faulk stated that in the past some national magazines had published letters of Eddie H. Livingston, but when they later found out that he was "nuts" they discontinued publishing his letters, so thereafter Livingston flooded those magazines with additional letters. Faulk believes that in the past Livingston had been investigated by the Post Office Inspectors regarding some of his crank letters. Faulk stated that he believes that Livingston formerly worked in some capacity at Fort Rucker, Alabama, but was fired. Faulk stated that Livingston apparently is nonviolent and harmless at the present time, but he is

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considered quite a nuisance in his crank prolific letter writing.

On July 25, 1963 Detective Henry Hilson, National Academy, Dothan, Alabama Police Department, advised that he knows of Eddie Livingston, Route 4, Dothan, Alabama, as a writer and as an "odd ball", but stated nothing has ever come to his attention indicating that Livingston was in any manner disloyal to the U. S. He stated that Livingston was considered "way out", was not gainfully employed, and apparently was receiving disability from the Government. Hilson stated that Livingston has never been in any serious trouble but had been picked up around Dothan on a couple of occasions for public drunk or for some drinking violation.

On July 26, 1963, L. S. Watson, Civilian Personnel, Fort Rucker, Alabama, advised from a service record card, standard form 7, that the official records have been forwarded to the Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri; that Eddie H. Livingston, white male, born April 13, 1921, residing Route 4, Dothan, Alabama, was first employed at Fort Rucker on March 7, 1955, GS-6, Editorial Clerk, resigned November 11, 1955 to accept a better position, and was reinstated on July 2, 1956 as a news writer at GS-7. Livingston was separated on June 12, 1957 for disqualification, but there was no further notation in the file concerning this separation. Watson restated that the official records had all been forwarded on to the Records Center. Watson stated that the only employee presently in the same department formerly employing Livingston was a Jimmie Harris.

On July 26, 1963, Jimmie Harris, Information Section, Fort Rucker, Alabama, recalled that Livingston formerly worked in that department, but was fired because he was irregular on the job, apparently from excess drinking, so his services were terminated. Harris stated that

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at the time he was employed on the job Livingston was a prolific letter writer and after his termination, he continued his letter writing and wrote numerous letters concerning his separation from the Government service. Harris stated that there have been additional inquiries concerning Livingston from other Government agencies, specific agencies not recalled, as a result of Livingston's prolific crank letter writing.

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