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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109090)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (89-75)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
 DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63
 MISC INFORMATION CONCERNING

*John
 B. [unclear]*

Remytel to Director and New Orleans, 3/2/67, and
 New Orleans tel to Director and NY, 3/3/67

On 3/2/67, BERTHA STADTMAN, General Sales Manager,
 Ruckle Pontiac Co., Inc., 232 South Broadway, Yonkers, NY,
 residence, 225 East 73rd Street, NY, NY, appeared at the
 NYO of the FBI and furnished the following information:

He owned and operated the L. B. Sales Company, Inc.,
 a diamond, jewelry and gift consultant business at the Inter-
 national Trade Mart, in New Orleans, Louisiana, from mid
 1952 until mid 1955

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While conducting his business at the Trade Mart, he became acquainted with CLAY SHAW, the Director of the Mart and also with DICK FEISS, who operated the Trade Mart Travel Agency, on the ground floor.

Accused of being CP member, New Orleans, La
During the period 1952 to 1955, he saw SHAW and FEISS together frequently in the cocktail lounge of the Mart, and they quite obviously were good friends. He said that during his period of financial difficulty in 1955, FEISS intervened for him with SHAW to the extent that SHAW did not press him for rent in the Mart for four months, and he said he did not know the extent of the relationship between SHAW and FEISS, away from the Mart.

He described SHAW as a very prominent person in New Orleans, who was widely known as a homosexual, a playboy, sportsman, and member of New Orleans Society.

He described FEISS as the opposite of SHAW. FEISS, for example, was primarily anti-social and showed no interest in anything except his business, from which he apparently made only small profits. He had no reason to think FEISS was a homosexual. He considered the relationship unusual because of the fact that the two of them apparently had nothing in common.

New Orleans, La
While at the Trade Mart, he also became acquainted with GEORGE NAVARRO, the Assistant Director of the Trade Mart, who was self-exiled from Argentina because of difficulties with the PERON Regime. NAVARRO became a partner of his but dissolved his business connection and returned to Argentina after the fall of the PERON Regime. He believes NAVARRO was a personal friend, as well as a business associate of SHAW, but he could not comment further on their social relationship.

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NAVARRO recommended HENRY NEWELL, an attorney in New Orleans, to represent him. He engaged NEWELL but became dissatisfied with his services and dismissed him. STADTMAN stated he heard that NEWELL was a close friend of SHAW's and they traveled in the same social circles.

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In approximately 1958, he recalled reading a New Orleans newspaper and was surprised to learn that FEISS was accused of being a CP member and the day before the US Government tried him on espionage charges in New Orleans, FEISS shot the principal Government witness.

STADTMAN stated when he learned yesterday that CLAY SHAW was arrested in New Orleans, Louisiana, and charged with a conspiracy in the assassination of President KENNEDY, he felt the FBI should know of the association between FEISS and SHAW.

STADTMAN stated he absolutely has no information relating to the assassination of President KENNEDY.

