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TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 4P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS,
TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

REFERENCE TELETYPE

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL MARCH SIXTEEN, NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL AND
LETTERHEAD MEMO FEBRUARY TWENTYONE AND NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL FEBRUARY
TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN.

RE: ACTION BY ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY

THE RED FLASH EDITION, NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM, OF MARCH 193
SIXTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, REPORTED THAT GORDON NOVEL, AGE TWENTY NINE,
WHO HAD BEEN ORDERED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY
AT ONE P.M. IN REGARD TO GARRISON/S BID TO PROVE A NEW ORLEANS
-CONSPIRACY IN THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, WAS
-INTERVIEWED PRIOR TO HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE JURY.

NOVEL, WHO OWNS THE JAMAICAN VILLAGE BAR, EIGHT ZERO ZERO
ORTH RAMPART ST., SAID HE KNOWS WHY HIS IS BEING SUBPOENAED, BUT
STATED "BUT I'D RATHER NOT SAY NOW". NOVEL SAID, "I THINK MR.

GARRISON WANTS TO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT ACTIVITIES DURING NINETEEN

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SIXTYONE WHICH ARE RELATED TO MR. SERGIO ~~ARCAGHA~~ SMITH AND THAT'S ALL I WANT TO SAY RIGHT NOW."

ASKED IF HE KNOWS ~~CLAY L. SHAW~~, NOVEL SAID, "I KNOW HIM, BUT NOT AS RELATED TO THIS THING." NOVEL SAID HE HAS NEVER KNOWN LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO.

NOVEL SAID HE KNEW FERRIE "INDIRECTLY".

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, NOVEL SAID IN ADDITION TO RUNNING THE JAMAICAN VILLAGE HE OWNS AN ELECTRONICS COMPANY. "I MANUFACTURE ANTI SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT", HE SAID.

AT THREE P.M. TV REPORTERS OUTSIDE ORLEANS PARISH CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, INTERVIEWED AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS ~~STEVE PLOTKIN~~, ATTORNEY FOR NOVEL. PLOTKIN STATED THAT NOVEL HAD BEEN EXCUSED FROM THE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY UNTIL THE FOLLOWING THURSDAY. PLOTKIN DID NOT INDICATE IF NOVEL HAD, IN FACT, APPEARED BEFORE THE GRAND JURY THIS DATE.

WDSU RADIO NEWS REPORT AT TWO THIRTY ^{RT} P.M. INSTANT DATE REPORTED THAT A YOUNG MAN IDENTIFIED AS ~~TOMMY CLARK~~ APPEARED BEFORE ORLEANS PARISH GRAND JURY, INSTANT DATE, AND THAT CLARK HAD APPEARED

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NOT IN RESPONSE TO A SUBPOENA BUT BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO APPEAR BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON'S OFFICE.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES CONTAINED NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION ON CLARK.

~~RE: AFTERNOON SESSION OF HEARING MARCH SIXTEEN INSTANT~~

AT THREE ZERO FIVE P.M. TV REPORTERS OUTSIDE ORLEANS PARISH CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, ADVISED THAT RUSSO HAD JUST BEEN EXCUSED FROM CROSS EXAMINATION AND THAT OTHER WITNESSES WERE TO BE CALLED.

AT THREE FIFTY THREE P.M., TV REPORTERS APPEARED OUTSIDE ORLEANS PARISH CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING AND ADVISED FIVE MINUTE RECESS IN THE HEARING HAD BEEN ORDERED. THE REPORTERS STATED THAT THE DEFENSE HAD ASKED FOR ISSUANCE OF A SUBPOENA FOR WHAT SOUNDED LIKE, TO THEM, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION. NO FURTHER COMMENT WAS MADE CONCERNING THIS.

THE REPORTER STATED THAT DR. NICHOLAS P. CHETTA, ORLEANS PARISH CORONER, TESTIFIED AS A WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION AND WAS

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INTRODUCED AS AN EXPERT IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE AND PSYCHIATRY.
DR. CHETTA ALLEGEDLY IDENTIFIED THE DRUGS OF SODIUM PENTOTHAL AND
SODIUM AMATHOL AND EFFECTS THEREOF IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR
ADMINISTRATION TO INDIVIDUALS.

DR. CHETTA ALSO ADVISED THAT RUSSO WAS ADMINISTERED A DRUG,
NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, ON FEBRUARY TWENTYSEVEN, UNDER PROFESSIONAL
SUPERVISION.

THE DEFENSE BROUGHT FORTH AN ARGUMENT THAT A TRUTH INDUCED
TEST IS NOT ADMISSABLE IN COURT AND COURT WAS RECESSED IN ORDER TO
ENABLE THEIR JUDGES TO STUDY THE LEGALITY OF THIS QUESTION.

AT FOUR TEN P.M. WDSU RADIO REPORTED THAT THE DISTRICT
ATTORNEY DID NOT ENGAGE IN ANY REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF RUSSO.

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