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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-8342)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

See Sec# 105-12-3369

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau 3/6/67 with
copies to Miami enclosing photos of 44 white males
who were prisoners in the Amarillo, Texas, City Jail
at the time [redacted]
was a prisoner there.

It is recalled that [redacted] on 2/23/67
was interviewed at the Miami, Florida, City Jail
where he was held on a drunk charge and he claimed
that while he was in the City Jail at Amarillo a
few days prior to the assassination, he heard another
prisoner wager that President KENNEDY would be
assassinated within a few days at Dallas, Texas.

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Special Agent in Charge

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On 3/16/67, in an attempt to relocate [REDACTED] who had been released from the Miami City Jail, in order to show him the photos of the prisoners of the Amarillo City Jail, inquiry was made at the Florida Employment Service. It was ascertained that [REDACTED] had registered at that office in Miami on 11/9/66 furnishing his Social Security Number as 258-12-3369 and his residence as 2901 Southwest 7th Street, Miami.

On 3/16/67, [REDACTED] 2901 Southwest 7th Street, Miami, stated that until recently she had operated a "halfway house" at that address in conjunction with the State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. She was unable to advise the present whereabouts of [REDACTED]

At approximately 7:00 P. M. on 3/16/67, [REDACTED] called the Miami Office from the Miami-Dixie Package Store at 442 North Miami Avenue and requested contact by Bureau Agent who had previously interviewed him at the Miami Jail. [REDACTED] was personally contacted at 7:50 P. M., 3/16/67 at the corner of North Miami Avenue and 5th Street, which is the location of "Smiley's Bar." He claimed that he had seen in this bar the same individual who had been in the Amarillo City Jail with him in November 1963 and who had made the prediction of the assassination. He described the individual who had left the bar before the arrival of Bureau Agent as about 20 6 feet tall, brown hair, wearing a khaki jacket. [REDACTED] claimed that he asked this individual while at the bar if he remembered what had happened out in Texas and this individual, according to [REDACTED] replied, "Let's not talk about Texas." The individual, according to [REDACTED] seemed to get angry about the matter and so [REDACTED] departed. [REDACTED] said he had mentioned the matter to the bartender in Smiley's Bar and so Bureau Agent accompanied [REDACTED] into the bar where the bartender, [REDACTED] stated the party [REDACTED] had pointed out to him as having had knowledge of this assassination was not known by name to [REDACTED] but had come into the bar on several occasions in the past.

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██████████ did not know where this bar patron lived or worked. He said the individual wore a mustache, ██████████ did not recall the mustache.

It appeared to Bureau Agent that ██████████ may have concocted the idea of seeing the prisoner from the Amarillo City Jail in Smiley's Bar in order to have Agent call on him so that he might "panhandle" from Agent. At the time of contact, ██████████ was asked how he felt and he said he did not feel well and said that he needed a drink. Arrangement was made to see him the following morning at the Tamiami Hotel where he claimed he was staying, in order to show him the photographs received from the Dallas Office.

On 3/17/67 ██████████ was located in front of the Tamiami Hotel on Flagler Street, Miami. He had not appeared at the appointed time of 8:30 so inquiries were made in the area to find him. It was ascertained that he was known at two places which were considered "skid row hangouts" namely the McBride Hotel and Ma Green's Place. He had been banned from these places for what was referred to as bad conduct indicating as drinking and suspicion of theft. ██████████ viewed the 44 photos of the Amarillo City Jail prisoners and he chose the photo of ██████████ ██████████ Amarillo Police Department Number 42513, stating he was "almost positive" this was the same person who observed him the night before in Smiley's Bar and in November 1963 in the City Jail in Amarillo. ██████████ also claimed that during a period of several months following the assassination he had made several efforts to telephonically contact Sheriff BILL DECKER of Dallas, Texas, to tell him of his information concerning the incident in the Amarillo Jail. He stated that he eventually did speak to DECKER by telephone and believed it was from the Miami Jail and Sheriff DECKER sent a Detective to Miami to interview him. He believed this was probably in 1964. He said he refused to tell the Detective anything unless brought to Dallas. He did not recall the name of the Detective and he was not transported to Dallas.

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On 3/18/67, [REDACTED] the bartender at Smiley's Bar, stated that on the evening of 3/16/67 [REDACTED] was at the bar and asked him for a dime. [REDACTED] who described [REDACTED] as a "wino," told him not to bother him, thinking [REDACTED] was trying to pick up enough change for a bottle of wine. [REDACTED] then pointed out to [REDACTED] an individual at the end of the bar and alleged that the man was somehow involved in the assassination and that if [REDACTED] wanted the dime to call the FBI. At the time of this occurrence there was a police cruiser parked across the street and [REDACTED] suggested that [REDACTED] advise the police. [REDACTED] did walk over to the police cruiser but nothing apparently developed. [REDACTED] said that a man whom [REDACTED] had pointed out in the bar is an individual approximately 48 to 50 years of age, over 6 feet tall, thin build, wearing dark rimmed glasses and having a big mustache. [REDACTED] was shown several photos including the one of [REDACTED] and he stated [REDACTED] does not look anything like the party pointed out by [REDACTED] in the bar as having been involved in the assassination.

In view of the foregoing and the obvious unreliability of [REDACTED] no further inquiry is recommended based on his allegation. It is pointed out that with the exception of the bartender, [REDACTED] inquiries conducted at Miami to locate [REDACTED] no reference to the assassination. In the case of [REDACTED] had already told him the nature of his allegation.

By routing slip mailed on 3/18/67, Jacksonville was notified to discontinue efforts to locate [REDACTED] in that Division.

The 44 photos received from Dallas are being returned herewith and also being furnished to Dallas is a photograph of [REDACTED] Miami Police Department

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Number 88160. It is to be noted that [REDACTED] has Dallas SO Number 106480 and had been arrested in Dallas as of January 1964 on a charge of theft over \$50 for which he was subsequently sentenced to two years in the Texas Department of Corrections.