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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Dallas, Texas
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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

On February 24, 1967, [REDACTED]
"Sacramento Bee" newspaper, Sacramento, California, advised he had
that date received a letter from [REDACTED] King Features
Syndicate writer for the "Sacramento Bee", which he believed would
be of interest to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
The letter is quoted as follows:

"Dear [REDACTED]

"For what it's worth, which probably isn't much-----

"I heard on TV tonight about this new investigation on
President Kennedy's assassination. (Where DO those 's' go?)

"When I was down at Fort Worth-Dallas in late January,
a young college senior told me that Mr. Call (I believe that's
the name), owner of many night clubs in Dallas--some cruddy,
some high class, told him in SEPTEMBER before the murder that
a couple of characters approached him and asked if he knew
anyone who would kill the president for \$20,000. He said
'No!' This college student is strictly straight-A, very
trustworthy and doesn't fabricate. He worked closely with
Call when he was covering the story about that fabulous
mountain where the lost treasure is supposed to be buried.
Call was one of the promoters here.

"However, the stories die here, because Call will
certainly not risk his neck to 'squeal.' The college boy
would be laughed at if he told and Call denied. But with
the new investigation, well, this might have a bearing.

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... who started snooping might go 'bump-off' at the night if there was anything more to it than the usual underworld chatter. Call knows all the headlines in Dallas I'm told.

Because I thought at the time nothing could ever be done with the story, I paid little attention to the name, but I could find it out for sure.

/s/ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sacramento, California, advised on February 24, 1967, that she visited in the Fort Worth area during January, 1967. She advised she conferred with a close friend, Professor [REDACTED], Texas Christian University, residence 5912 Wheaton Drive, Fort Worth. [REDACTED] arranged for a student at the college, [REDACTED] to provide transportation for her and in a conversation with him, outside the presence of Professor [REDACTED] related the story referred to in the letter forwarded by her to [REDACTED]. She also related she had no knowledge other than that which she incorporated in the letter.

On March 3, 1967, [REDACTED] Registrant Office, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, advised that [REDACTED] a sophomore student, listed his residence as [REDACTED] Fort Worth, Texas.

[REDACTED] Fort Worth, Texas, advised on March 6, 1967, that in February, 1965, he was acting as a free-lance reporter [REDACTED] covering an expedition attempting to locate a Mexican gold cache near Salado, Texas. Among the financial backers and leaders of this expedition was an individual by the name of H. D. McCord, a white male, approximately fifty years of age, who owned several night clubs in the Dallas, Texas, area.

During the time that [REDACTED] was covering the expedition, McCord furnished him various pieces of information, some of which was later substantiated through other sources. On one occasion, McCord told Largent that in October, 1963, a group of men approached him at one of his clubs and offered him \$50,000 if he would be able to make the necessary arrangements and contacts to see that President Kennedy was assassinated.

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McCord reportedly stated that it was impossible to make such a contact and no one would be able to get away with it. McCord told [redacted] that he would deny any knowledge of the above incident if anyone asked him about it, as the men who contacted him were from a strong criminal element and he was afraid of them. McCord also told [redacted] that he knew Jack Ruby, as they were both club owners in Dallas. McCord did not state whether Ruby had been contacted by these same individuals. [redacted] stated he did not place too much credence in this story and could not verify it further. He also advised he would prefer that H. D. McCord did not know he furnished the above information.

[redacted] stated that [redacted], a student at the University of Texas, Arlington, Texas, accompanied him on this assignment and acted as [redacted]. [redacted] said that he was certain that [redacted] had overheard the above conversation between McCord and himself.

[redacted] Arlington, Texas, a student at the University of Texas, Arlington, Texas, on March 9, 1967, advised that he accompanied [redacted] to the mining site at Salado, Texas, being operated by several men including H. D. McCord.

[redacted] said that during the period of time that he and [redacted] were in the camp, conversation was made regarding various topics between the men and themselves. [redacted] stated he recalled some conversation concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy; however, he did not remember H. D. McCord saying that he was approached by anyone prior to the assassination and offered money to locate an individual to murder the president.

Herbert Dorell McCord, residence 9781 Ash Creek Drive, Dallas, Texas, owner of Hickory Barbecue, 600 South Industrial, Dallas; on March 14, 1967, advised the following information regarding the above allegation:

McCord stated he was reluctant to furnish any information regarding this incident. McCord advised that he had been in business in Dallas for many years and had developed a close association and relationship with the professional criminals in the area. He commented that if it became known that he had furnished any information of any type to police officials, his association with the underworld would be lost.

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McCord stated that in reference to the alleged meeting which occurred prior to the assassination, only one person was involved in the approach and not a group of individuals. He also added that this person was definitely not a criminal type. McCord explained that this person was a highly responsible Dallasite who was about to lose a great deal of money due to Government policies established by President Kennedy. McCord refused to elaborate on this remark.

McCord stated that he recalled one other individual, E. G. Roach, also known as "Tex" Roach, was present at the time of this conversation. McCord advised that Roach had assisted the police in the past by furnishing them information. McCord stated that he would prefer that Roach would give complete details regarding this matter rather than himself. McCord said he was not positive where Roach was presently located; however, he was extremely well known by Captain Gannaway of the Dallas, Texas, Police Department, who would know of his whereabouts.

McCord emphasized that he had never told a falsehood to any police officer and would prefer not to say anything rather than to tell a lie.

Captain W. P. Gannaway, Captain in Charge, Special Service Bureau, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, on March 15, 1967, advised that he knew no one by the name of E. G. Roach or "Tex" Roach as a criminal or an informant.

Representatives of the following local law enforcement agencies in Dallas, Texas, on March 15, 1967, advised their records were negative regarding E. G. Roach or "Tex" Roach, as follows:

[Alice Gardner] Arrest Records, Dallas Police Department;
[Mrs. W. W. Thompson] Automobile Citation Records, Dallas Police Department;
J. G. Vickery, Identification Bureau, Dallas Police Department;
Detective William Biggio, Administrative Services Bureau, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas, Police Department;
James Kitching, Identification Bureau, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, Dallas, Texas.

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On March 16, 1967, Detective L. D. Stringfellow, Administrative Services Bureau, Criminal Intelligence Section, Dallas Police Department, advised that he was recently informed of an individual known by the name of Guy Williams Roach, also known as "Tex" Roach, a white male, 38 years of age, who had been in the Dallas, Texas, area for a brief period of time and apparently left the city for Jacksonville Beach, Florida. Stringfellow said his sources told him Roach was a small-time thief; however, he is not known by any of the local police agencies in the greater Dallas metropolitan area and has not been in Dallas for any length of time.

Detective H. M. Hart, Administrative Services Bureau, Criminal Intelligence Section, on March 16, 1967, advised that he has known H. D. McCord for approximately the last 18 years. Hart stated McCord associates and is familiar with all the major professional criminals located in the Dallas metropolitan area. McCord has been uncooperative with all police officials who have contacted him in the past to Hart's knowledge. Hart advised that McCord is reputed to have never told the truth to any police official. In his personal contacts with McCord, Hart stated he has known him to furnish half-truths to lead him off the trail in an investigation.

Hart advised that he was familiar with a Glenn Roach, who was an old-time criminal operator in the Dallas area; however, to his knowledge, he never used the nickname of "Tex."

On March 20, 1967, Deputy U. S. Marshal Dick R. Bagby, Northern District of Texas, U. S. Post Office Building, Dallas, Texas, advised that he knew Glenn Roach, a well-known criminal in the Dallas area. Bagby stated he understood that Roach used the nickname "Tex" when operating outside the Texas area. Bagby said that he had not heard of Roach for several years and did not know where he was located at the present time.

J. G. Vickery, Identification Bureau, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, on March 21, 1967, furnished that department's record regarding Glenn Roach, [REDACTED] Dallas Police Department No. 23525. This record reflected that Glenn Roach had an arrest record from October 20, 1944 to December 22, 1961, which included arrests [REDACTED]

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The investigation file further disclosed that on February 22, 1964, Roach was given a [REDACTED] (Dallas Case No. 64-4-6186) [REDACTED] Probation officer was shown as Dean Chafin, Dallas County Criminal District Court No. 4, Dallas, Texas.

The following description of Roach was obtained from the Dallas, Texas, Police Department files:

Name	Glenn Roach
Aliases	None
Sex	Male
Race	White
Birth date	July 22, 1927, Dallas, Texas
Height	5'9 1/2"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Black
Complexion	Ruddy
Marital status	Married; wife, Mrs. Lela Roach
Residence	7502 Cortland, Dallas, Texas
Occupation	Carpenter
Social Security No.	467-24-6314

John "Tex" Roach

Deputy Sheriff Buddy Walters, Dallas County Sheriff's Office, Dallas, Texas, on March 21, 1967 advised that he was familiar with Glenn Roach and recalled him being referred to as "Tex" Roach on occasion. Walters advised that Roach is a well known Dallas professional criminal; however, he has not been seen in the Dallas area for the past few years. Walters stated he believed Roach was last heard of in Louisiana where he was arrested for attempted burglary.

Walters stated he is also familiar with H. D. McCord and would never consider anything McCord said as being the truth. He said McCord is a known associate of old-time criminals in the Dallas area and is completely uncooperative with police officers.

On March 21, 1967, Dean Chafin, Probation Officer, Dallas County Criminal District Court No. 4, Dallas, Texas, advised his record reflected that Glenn David Roach was last sentenced to [REDACTED]

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Chafin stated that Roach's present whereabouts is unknown to him and he understood that the Louisiana State authorities were attempting to locate him. Chafin said he was not overly familiar with Roach and had never known him to use the name "Tex" as a nickname.

Records of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, as made available by Identification Officer James Kitching, regarding Glenn David Roach, Dallas County Sheriff's Office No. 21889, contained no additional information that was pertinent other than set out above. Above file reviewed on March 21, 1967.

In November, 1963, information was furnished to the Dallas Office of the FBI by a source, contact with whom had been insufficient to determine reliability, who stated that it was believed that Herbert D. McCord was an accomplice with a Frank Fisher and John Smith in dealing arms and ammunition to European and South American countries.

On June 27, 1961, a confidential source of the Dallas Office of the FBI, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he was extremely close to Herbert D. McCord and has known that McCord frequently bought stolen merchandise. The source further stated that McCord knew all of the criminal element in Dallas, Texas, and did not cooperate with any law enforcement officer.

On September 8, 1960, a confidential source of the Dallas Office of the FBI, contact with whom has been insufficient to determine reliability, advised that Herbert D. McCord was in possession of a .30-06 automatic sporting rifle with a 4 power scope which was one of 35 rifles apparently stolen and brought to Dallas, Texas, from Florida by two unknown individuals.