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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 23, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

William A. Somersett, Editor and Labor Organizer of the National Federation of Labor (NFL) made available to the Miami Office copies of the "National Federation of Labor News." Somersett prepared this article and carries the caption "Did the Friction Between Robert F. Kennedy and J. Edgar Hoover Cause the Death of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy in Dallas on November 22, 1963?"

In this article Somersett sets forth the question did the Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy help cause the death of his brother by not furnishing more FBI Agents and Secret Service Personnel to protect the President in his trip to Dallas after having been furnished the tape taken by the Miami Police Intelligence Department which stated the assassination of the President was in "the planning?" Somersett also asked the question did Kennedy's disagreement with the Director cause him to refuse the Director's request for more men and protection "in Texas."

Somersett did not expound on his questions. He is attempting to establish there was some correlation between the threat made in Miami concerning President Kennedy and Kennedy's assassination in Dallas. Our investigation clearly established there was no relationship involved. Further, the matter of the protection of the President is strictly under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Secret Service.

The tape recording referred to was that taken by the Miami Police Department on 11/9/63, between William Somersett and J. A. Milteer of Quitman, Georgia. The recording contained a statement by Milteer in which Milteer advised plans were in the making to kill President Kennedy at some future date and that the job could be done from an office or a hotel in the vicinity of the White House using a high-powered rifle. This information was furnished to U. S. Secret Service and the Department by us.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
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Joseph Adams Milteer was the subject of a "racial matters" investigation during 1963 and 1964 due to his association with hate-type organizations. Following the assassination of President Kennedy on 11/22/63, Milteer immediately was considered a suspect. However, our investigation determined Milteer was in Quitman, Georgia, his home, on 11/22/63, and had no connection with the assassination of President Kennedy.

This information was the subject of two previous memoranda Mr. Rosen to DeLoach dated 2/2/67 and 2/6/67, which are attached and the information relating to this matter was furnished to U. S. Secret Service and the Department by letters dated 2/3/67.

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Somersett said he was furnishing this information to the Bureau as he felt the Bureau should know about it [REDACTED]. He did indicate he had been in contact with the news department of WCKT - TV, an affiliate of CBS and is now in the process of preparing a half hour filmed interview regarding the referred to tape recording of 11/9/63 at Miami.

It appears Somersett is attempting to gain notoriety for himself regarding this matter and it has no bearing on the current investigation being conducted by Jim Garrison at New Orleans.

ACTION: Copies of Somersett's article are being furnished to U. S. Secret Service and the Department.

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