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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 3, 1967

FROM : R. E. Wick

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

[REDACTED]

My office today and said he had information he wanted to pass along regarding Garrison's investigation in New Orleans. Although we have stayed away from [REDACTED] it was felt we should hear what he had to say and Leinbaugh in my office talked to him.

STORY ON GARRISON:

[REDACTED] decided a couple of weeks ago that he should go down to New Orleans [REDACTED] Garrison's investigation of the assassination. [REDACTED] said he was given this assignment inasmuch as he [REDACTED] and it was felt Garrison trusted him. [REDACTED] pointed out that his article will completely discount [REDACTED] Garrison's entire investigation.]

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[REDACTED] reported that he arrived in New Orleans right during the middle of Garrison's investigation, that he had considerable trouble getting in touch with him, but finally made contact [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he felt quite positive in his own mind that Garrison was leveling with him and that he felt Garrison was being completely candid.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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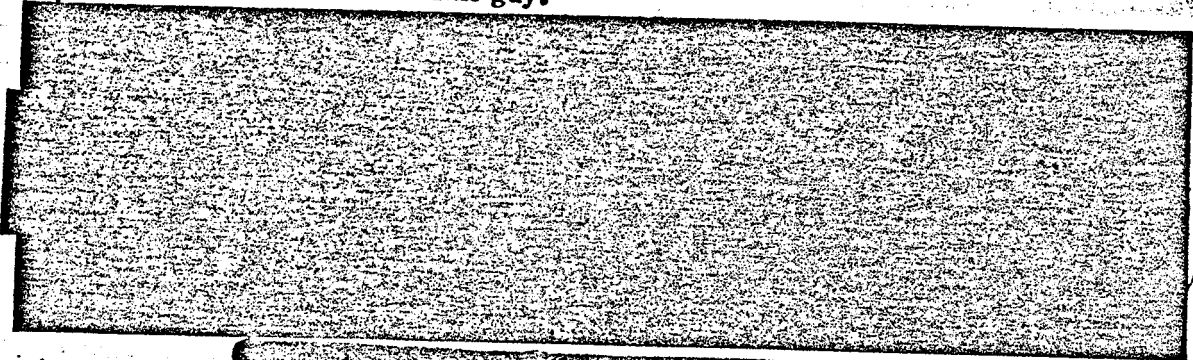
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RE: Assassination of President Kennedy

GARRISON'S THEORY OF THE ASSASSINATION:

According to [redacted] Garrison had become obsessed with the assassination and the Warren Report. He apparently has read the report from cover to cover and he told [redacted] that he flew to New York once with Senator Long from Louisiana and Long expressed doubts regarding the authenticity of the Warren Report.

[redacted] said it was almost impossible to carry on a rational interview with Garrison. He would quiz him about aspects of the New Orleans investigation and Garrison was unable to stay on the subject for more than a minute or two and then would wander off and start "damning" the Warren Report. [redacted] said his reaction is that Garrison is no doubt sincere in his belief the assassination was hatched in New Orleans. He said Garrison, however, is completely disorganized, impulsive and obviously knows nothing about running an investigation.

As best as he could tell, [redacted] thinks Garrison's thesis boils down to the fact that the masterminds behind the assassination were David Ferrie and Clay Shaw. He described these two men as brilliant homosexuals and feels they planned the assassination for "kicks." Garrison thinks Oswald was the "decoy" and the "fall guy."



It is pertinent to note that [redacted] Russo claims that he had only seen Clay Shaw on two occasions--both briefly. Russo also claimed [redacted] that Lee Harvey Oswald was the person whom he knew as Ferrie's roommate, and he mentioned the possibility that four people in Ferrie's Civil Air Patrol Unit would be able to name Oswald as Ferrie's roommate. [redacted] It is interesting to note that Russo suggested that he be hypnotized so he might have total recall on names, places and dates.

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INTERVIEW OF SCIAMBRA:

██████████ he talked with Garrison's investigator, Andrew J. Sciambra. ██████████ described Sciambra as a young oddball, 31 years old who had just received his law degree. ██████████ quizzed Sciambra regarding the inconsistencies in Russo's written statement as contrasted to what Russo testified to at Clay Shaw's trial. Sciambra was unable to resolve the inconsistencies and when ██████████ asked him about his original notes taken when he interviewed Russo, Sciambra said he had burned them. It was ██████████ opinion that Sciambra was completely untrained and knew nothing about investigative matters.

EXAMINATION OF RUSSO UNDER HYPNOSIS BY DR. FATTER:

██████████ said that he questioned Garrison and Sciambra regarding Dr. Fatter's examination of Russo under hypnosis. ██████████ said he elicited information which indicated that Dr. Fatter led Russo along, suggested answers to him, and that the whole session was a complete farce. ██████████ said he is convinced in his own mind that Russo gave the story of a secret meeting in Ferrie's room under post-hypnotic suggestion. ██████████ added that as far as he was concerned, it was like a hypnotist telling a subject to bark like a dog while under hypnotic trance. He was of the opinion that Fatter was a charlatan through and through.

CONCLUSIONS:

After spending considerable time with Garrison, ██████████ said he had reached the definite conclusion that Garrison's whole investigation was farcical and he characterized Garrison's actions as a "goddamned atrocity." ██████████ said he told Garrison before leaving New Orleans that he was going to write his story ██████████ and knock down Garrison's contentions. ██████████ added that this disturbed Garrison and disappointed him; however, on the whole, he took the matter rather philosophically.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be furnished the Domestic Intelligence Division for information. ██████████ identity should be protected, and it should be noted that this information was received on a highly confidential basis and should be closely held.

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