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

On March 27, 1967, Mr. Tee Dent Ponder, Staffer, United Press International (UPI), Atlanta, Georgia, advised at 9:20 p.m. he answered the telephone at UPI Office and the operator said she had a call for anyone concerning the Jim Garrison investigation, New Orleans.

Mr. Tee Dent Ponder stated he asked for caller's name and the male voice stated "No, I am not going to give my name." Ponder inquired from caller what information he had and the caller answered "Kennedy assassination was not through Jim Garrison or none of the people he has down there. President Kennedy was killed through the La Cosa Nostra. It was hired but not by Clay Shaw but by the La Cosa Nostra." The caller stated Shaw is a member of the La Cosa Nostra but was not involved in the assassination of Kennedy. The caller stated "Clay Shaw never had nothing to do with it." The caller said "Jim Garrison is strictly a liar and is tied up with the La Cosa Nostra." Ponder asked the caller if Garrison was in the La Cosa Nostra. The caller stated "That's right. He has been tied up with the La Cosa Nostra for the past two years. We don't go for what's going on down there." Ponder asked if the caller was an official in the La Cosa Nostra. The caller replied "Yes, I am an official." Ponder then asked why had they hired to have Kennedy killed. The caller answered "It was hired by the La Cosa Nostra. Let me tell you one thing, if you can get this in print, Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy has been dating a member of the La Cosa Nostra for a long time." Ponder asked who this person was and the caller replied that it was Aristotle Chassis, the Greek freighter tycoon.

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Ponder then asked the caller if there was anything

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else he could tell him. The caller replied "Yes, I'll tell you this. Garrison is a big mouth and if he keeps it up he is not going to live. That's all I'm going to say." The caller then hung up.

Ponder stated the caller talked in a deep voice with no pronounced accent. He stated the caller had what was perhaps a slight southern regional accent. He advised the caller did not sound intoxicated but talked like a person who was not too well educated. Ponder stated he did not believe he had ever heard this voice before. He advised he had heard no noise in the background during the conversation. Ponder advised the call was approximately four minutes in duration and that the caller had advised him not to try to trace the call as "we have asked the operator not to tell where the call was coming from." The caller stated they had connections and he was not in a phone booth. Ponder advised the call was a good connection but believes this to have been a long distance call inasmuch as there was a slight hum similar to that occurring during a long distance call.

Mr. Tee Dent Ponder stated after the caller had hung up he kept the line open and an operator came on the line. Ponder stated he asked the operator to tell him where the call had been placed and the operator advised that the party had asked that this information not be given. Ponder stated he was with the UPI and it was important. The operator asked him to wait one minute and then told him she was sorry but she could not give him the information. Ponder then asked to speak to a supervisor and another woman's voice came on the phone. Ponder stated he identified himself to this person and the woman stated to hold one minute. The woman then came back on the phone in approximately five minutes and stated she was sorry to keep him waiting and left again. He stated he waited approximately another five minutes at which time the woman returned and stated "I have checked with the officials and we are unable to give that information." Ponder stated he asked if she could give him anything that would later allow the proper authorities to trace the call. The woman answered "No." Ponder stated he asked her for her name and

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she replied "Mrs. Kennedy." Ponder then asked her initials and she advised "A. K." He then asked what office she was in and she stated that she could not give him that information without telling where the call was placed.

Mr. Ponder advised he was reporting the above telephone conversation in view of the threat to Mr. James C. Garrison, District Attorney, New Orleans, Louisiana.

On March 27, 1967, [REDACTED] Bell Telephone Company, Atlanta, Georgia, caused the personnel on duty in the Atlanta, Georgia, area to be checked and could locate no Mrs. A. K. Kennedy on duty.

On March 28, 1967, [REDACTED] advised the check of the personnel files for the Atlanta Bell Telephone Company for the nine-State area including Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia, had been checked and there was no employee listed under the name, Mrs. A. K. Kennedy. He advised that there were a number of Kennedys employed by the Atlanta Bell Telephone Company, however, female employees are listed by their given names and not by their husbands' names. He stated due to the critical employment situation their company hires married women for night shifts, some of which are only for several hours' duration. [REDACTED] stated there is no way in which the caller to Mr. Tee Dent Ponder could be located without knowing the location from which the telephone call was placed.

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