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For your information, on the afternoon of May 10, 1967, Mr. Edward Wegmann, who identified himself as one of the attorneys for Mr. Clay Shaw, appeared at FBI Headquarters. He indicated that he had earlier in the day talked to Assistant Attorney General Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr., in an attempt to have the Department of Justice order the FBI to enter the investigation of the assassination presently being conducted in New Orleans by District Attorney James C. Garrison. Wegmann indicated that he was advised by Mr. Sanders that this action would not be taken by the Department of Justice, inasmuch as it felt a complete investigation into the assassination had already been conducted by various Federal investigative agencies for the Warren Commission and that the Report of the Warren Commission stands on its own.

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Wegmann indicated he was quite concerned over an article which appeared in "The New York Times" on March 3, 1967, under the by-line of Robert E. Semple, Jr., which quoted an unnamed Justice Department spokesman as saying that his agency was convinced "that Mr. Bertrand and Mr. Shaw were the same man." He stated that he considered this statement very damaging to his client, particularly with regard to his desire to insure that an impartial jury would be selected to try Clayshaw, and was hopeful that he could secure a public retraction of this statement from the Department of Justice. He advised that he had determined from his own investigation that this statement had been made by a representative of the Office of Public Information of "the Department of Justice and that he had been told by unnamed Justice Départment representatives on an "off-the-record basis" that the statement was not factual. He was advised that the FBI had maintained a strict "no comment" policy with regard to the probe of District Attorney Garrison and the figures publicly identified as being connected with it. EX-110 1- MI REC 29 122 -104060 15 MA

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Wegmann advised that he intends to contact a representative in the Office of Public Information in an attempt to secure a public retraction of this statement.

At the time of his visit, Wegmann was also interested in securing from the FBI any information in our files concerning Clay Shaw or the results of any investigation which had been conducted by the FBI regarding the latter. He was advised of the confidential nature of data in our files and was informed that our policy prevented us from being of any assistance to him.