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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (89-43) (P)
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Re Bureau airtel to Dallas dated 5/22/67.

For information Bureau, delay in answering referenced airtel occasioned by Agent to whom this investigative phase assigned attending In-Service Training, Washington, D. C., from 5/15/67 through 5/26/67.

For further information Bureau, Dallas airtel of 4/10/67, set out leads for El Paso and Philadelphia Divisions to conduct appropriate investigation to locate and interview JOHN SUTTON or PAUL BRIDEWELL, aka Phil Burns. These leads also set out in Dallas teletype dated 4/10/67, to Bureau, El Paso and Philadelphia.

By teletype dated 4/12/67, the El Paso Division advised it could locate no record that JOHN SUTTON had ever been at Ft. Bliss, as indicated in interview with THAYER WALDO at Mexico City. By airtel dated 4/12/67, the Philadelphia Division likewise stated it could locate no information regarding SUTTON.

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For information Portland Division, the Bureau has received a letter from a Mr. LAWRENCE SCHILLER, Alskog, Inc., Los Angeles, dated 3/15/67, in which Mr. SCHILLER acknowledged receipt of a Bureau letter dated 1/21/67. SCHILLER, on 1/16/67, submitted to the Bureau a letter enclosing a transcript of a taped recording between JACK RUBY and his attorneys five days before RUBY'S death. SCHILLER has advised he is in possession of the name and location of MARK LANE'S informant who allegedly furnished LANE information he was supposedly present and overheard an alleged meeting between JACK RUBY, Dallas Police Officer J. D. TIPPIT, and BERNARD WEISSMAN, on 11/14/63. SCHILLER is willing to furnish this information to the Bureau. For further information, refer to the Commission's Report, page 297.

SCHILLER interviewed by Los Angeles, 3/22/67, and indicated that MARK LANE'S confidential informant is PAUL BRIDEWELL aka Phil Burns, and that BRIDEWELL currently located somewhere in Oregon, possibly Portland or Ranier. Exact location of BRIDEWELL is probably known to one JOHN SUTTON, who formerly was in radio business in Dallas. SUTTON allegedly now residing somewhere in Pennsylvania, in location phonetically furnished to SCHILLER as Wilshire, but SCHILLER unable to locate this town from maps or postal guide.

According to SCHILLER, MARK LANE learned of identity of BRIDEWELL and information in possession of BRIDEWELL from THEODORE (THAYER) WALDO, formerly associated with Ft. Worth, Texas, newspaper, "Sun Telegraph". Efforts to locate BRIDEWELL by SCHILLER unsuccessful.

THAYER WALDO located and interviewed, Mexico City, 4/3/67, and advised that at the time of the assassination, he was a feature editor of the Ft. Worth "Star Telegram," and was acquainted with a JOHN SUTTON, white male, about 37, born Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. WALDO believes SUTTON was a radio announcer employed by WFAA radio, Dallas, and he met SUTTON in 1956 when SUTTON was Information Officer at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and WALDO was working at the El Paso "Herald Post".

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WALDO indicates that about a week after assassination, SUTTON asked to meet him at the Dallas Press Club and at that time SUTTON indicated he knew a man who witnessed a meeting in the Carousel Club between RUBY, Officer J. D. TIPPIT, and a BERNARD WEISSMAN, but who was reluctant to come forward with this information [REDACTED]

WALDO indicates that on or about 12/7/63, he met SUTTON at the Dallas Press Club and was introduced to PHIL BURNS, white male, age late 30's, 5'8", 145 pounds, chestnut hair, wore glasses, and employed by some advertising firm on account of one of SUTTON'S sponsors. After many assurances that identity would be protected, BURNS related that he was acquainted with RUBY. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also that he knew Officer TIPPIT, since he had seen him in uniform at the club which apparently was on his beat. BURNS indicated he passed a table and RUBY greeted him saying, "You know J. D. here," and RUBY then introduced the other individual as BERNARD WEISSMAN from the East. BURNS described WEISSMAN as white male, 35 years, black hair, over 6' tall. BURNS allegedly returned to his table and RUBY sent him a complimentary drink.

WALDO indicated that he discussed the above matter with editors BUTLER and HITCH, but agreed not to publish this information since informant insisted on remaining anonymous. However, about a week later he met MARK LANE at a press conference in Dallas and confided this information to LANE, who was extremely anxious to contact informant. WALDO agreed to consult with SUTTON, but SUTTON upon contact refused to cooperate further and WALDO advised that he determined by calling an advertising agency that BURNS was actually [PAUL BRIDEWELL.]

WALDO stated he has had no further contact with SUTTON or [BRIDEWELL] and has no idea as to their whereabouts, except [BRIDEWELL] reportedly returned to his home in Oregon in 1964 and SUTTON also left about this time.

Referenced Bureau airtel to Dallas, 5/22/67, instructs that this matter is to receive continuous investigative attention until it is logically resolved.

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It is also noted that the Bureau in its teletypes of 3/24/67 and 4/4/67, instructed Dallas and other offices that every effort be made to locate and interview JOHN SUTTON, as well as [PAUL BRIDEWELL] aka Phil Burns regarding above information. Extensive investigation at Dallas unsuccessful in locating SUTTON or [BRIDEWELL]

LEADS

PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Will through sources in advertising and radio media, attempt to locate and interview [PAUL BRIDEWELL] aka Phil Burns. Will also conduct same investigation with Credit Bureau, PD, License Bureaus and any other logical sources, noting that [BRIDEWELL] (according to THAYER WALDO), left Dallas sometime in early 1964, allegedly to return to his home in Oregon. [BRIDEWELL] is described by WALDO as a white male, age now approximately 40, chestnut hair, thinning from the temples, wore glasses with metal rims but with shell earpieces, brown or hazel eyes, medium complexion, slightly cleft chin, thin mouth, quite large and prominent ears, which stood out from his head. BRIDEWELL was well and conservatively dressed, usually in a dark suit, wore a class or fraternal ring on the third finger of his left hand over his wedding band. His height was about 5'8", with weight about 145 pounds. He was well spoken, with no particular accent noted. He usually drank rum collins, and had quite deep lines on the sides of his mouth, and appeared to be quite tense and uneasy. JOHN SUTTON was described by WALDO as a white male, now about 37 years old, height about 5'9½", weight probably 160 pounds, stocky build, glasses (believed to be full shell rims), dark brown hair, brown eyes.

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS. Will continue efforts to locate JOHN SUTTON and [PAUL BRIDEWELL] aka Phil Burns, through advertising and radio media. Will, upon location, immediately set out appropriate leads to have them interviewed regarding this matter.