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FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,

DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS  
INFO CONCERNING, OO:DALLAS. *la*

THE NEW ORLEANS TIMES PICAYUNE, JUNE TWELVE INSTANT,  
REPORTED THAT JOHN CANCLER, A CONVICTED BURGLAR, CLAIMED HE  
WAS CHARGED IN MID-NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR WITH COMMITTING A  
BURGLARY ON NOV. SIX. CANCLER CLAIMED THAT IN MID-JANUARY,  
ONE OF GARRISON'S AIDES DROVE HIM THROUGH THE FRENCH QUARTER  
OF NEW ORLEANS, POINTED TO CLAY SHAW'S HOUSE AT ONE THREEONE  
THREE DAUPHINE ST. AND ASKED "DO YOU THINK YOU COULD GET IN  
THIS HOUSE?" CANCLER SAID HE ASKED THE INVESTIGATOR WHY AND  
WAS TOLD BY HIM, "I MIGHT WANT YOU TO PUT SOMETHING IN THERE."  
CANCLER CLAIMED THAT HE INSISTED ON KNOWING WHAT WAS HAPPENING  
AND THE INVESTIGATOR TOLD HIM "WE ARE INVESTIGATING THE  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND WE HAVE REASON TO  
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BELIVE THAT THE MAN WHO LIVES IN THAT HOUSE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT." ACCORDING TO CANCLER, THE INVESTIGATOR'S ATTITUDE CHANGED COMPLETELY IN A BELLIGERENT SORT OF WAY AFTER HE REFUSED TO GO ALONG WITH THE PROGRAM AND SOON AFTERWARD THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TOOK STEPS TO BRING HIM TO TRIAL.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, ~~MIGUEL TORRES~~, A ONE-TIME HEROIN ADDICT WHO IS IN PRISON FOR BURGLARY CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN OFFERED HIS FREEDOM, AN OUNCE OF <sup>HEROIN</sup> HEROIN AND A THREE MONTHS VACATION IN FLA. IF HE WOULD BE "COOPERATIVE IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S INVESTIGATION." TORRES CLAIMED AFTER HE WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE LA. STATE PENITENTIARY AT ANGOLA TO ORLEANS PARISH PRISON HE WAS TAKEN TO GARRISON'S OFFICE AND FOUND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND SEVERAL OF HIS ASSISTANTS DRINKING BEER. TORRES SAID GARRISON TOLD HIM, "HAVE A COUPLE OF BEERS, MIGUEL", AND THEN BEGAN SHOWING HIM

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PICTURES OF SEVERAL CUBANS AND NEW ORLEANS RESIDENTS. TORRES SAID GARRISON HAD GIVEN HIM A RUN-DOWN ON EACH OF THESE PEOPLE AND KEPT ASKING HIM IF HE KNEW THEM, TO WHICH HE REPLIED "NO". IN SUBSEQUENT INTERROGATION SESSIONS TORRES CLAIMED ONE MEMBER OF GARRISON'S STAFF TRIED TO PERSUADE HIM TO SUBMIT TO HYPNOSIS AND STILL ANOTHER STRESSED THE POINT OF GOING ALONG WITH GARRISON AND REMINDED HIM HOW MUCH GARRISON COULD HURT HIM. TORRES CLAIMED THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S STAFF SEEMED CONVINCED HE HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN ANTI-CASTRO POLITICS IN THE EARLY NINETEEN SIXTIES IN NEW ORLEANS, AND MIGHT HAVE HEARD ANTI-CASTRO FORCES PLOTTING TO KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY. TORRES SAID HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN POLITICS AND AT THAT TIME HAD A ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TO ONE HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE DOLLAR A DAY HABIT AND WAS TOO BUSY STEALING TO HAVE TIME FOR POLITICS.

THE ARTICLE REPORTED THAT ATTORNEYS FOR CLAY SHAW HAVE QUESTIONED BOTH CANCLER AND TORRES AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT THEY PLAN TO USE THEM AS WITNESSES FOR SHAW IF SHAW IS BROUGHT TO TRIAL BY GARRISON.

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ARTICLE STATED WHEN TOLD THAT TWO PRISONERS HAD MADE CHARGES AGAINST HIS OFFICE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON SAID HE WAS NOT SURPRISED THAT MEN WHO HAD BEEN CONVICTED BY HIS STAFF WOULD MAKE CHARGES AGAINST IT. AS A RESULT GARRISON SAID HE WOULDN'T BE INTERESTED IN LISTENING TO THE CHARGES OR IN COMMENTING ON THEM. "H WOULDN'T DIGNIFY THOSE PEOPLE WITH AN ANSWER".

<sup>MEMO</sup>  
NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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