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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

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

DATE: July 5, 1967

- 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. R. E. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
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PURPOSE:

To report information furnished by [redacted] a Potential Confidential Informant (PCI) of our Chicago Office, [redacted] Institute, Chicago. Information relates to Perry Russo and Mrs. Sandra Moffett McMaines, ex-girl friend of Russo and [redacted]. This recommends source's information be paraphrased and summarized and disseminated to Attorney General.

BACKGROUND:

New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison in his investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy has alleged a conspiracy for this purpose existed between Clay Shaw, a retired New Orleans businessman, David Ferrie and Lee Harvey Oswald. Perry Russo and Sandra Moffett McMaines allegedly were present in Ferrie's apartment and heard discussions in this regard. Russo was Garrison's principal witness against Shaw in 3/67 following which Shaw was indicted for conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

It was subsequently disclosed that Russo was subjected to drugs and hypnosis prior to his testimony, for which Garrison has been criticized. It has also been disclosed that Mrs. McMaines was contacted in Omaha, Nebraska, by representatives of Garrison's office, and strongly urged to return to New Orleans to give testimony.

INFORMANT'S INFORMATION: [redacted] advised he learned the following information in a telephone conversation with a source in New Orleans, whom he did not identify, but whom [redacted].

Enclosure [redacted] 7-6-67
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knows well [redacted] was
advised by his source that Russo appeared at source's office
on 6/19/67 [redacted] regarding
his story of the plot to assassinate President Kennedy.

[redacted] Russo told
[redacted] that he did not know if Clay Shaw was at
the meeting or not. Russo stated he had fully intended to
go into court and testify that he did not know if Shaw was
present or not but became angered at a question by Shaw's
attorney. Russo admitted that he had undergone psychiatric
treatment for a year and a half and also admitted homosexual
acts. After giving Garrison a verbal report, [redacted]
[source] stated he was told in no uncertain terms to keep
his mouth shut.

[redacted] also stated [redacted] Mrs. McMaines
[redacted] admitted becoming pregnant by Russo
and engaging in prostitution in New Orleans. She denied ever
meeting Shaw or Oswald and stated she never attended a
party at Ferrie's apartment. She also stated Russo asked
her to marry him to keep him out of the service. Also she
stated she had been contacted by two of Garrison's men in
Omaha in an attempt to persuade her to return to New Orleans
to give testimony. This she refused to do even after being
promised new clothes and that she would stay at the finest
hotels.

OBSERVATIONS:

[redacted] furnished the above information on an
extremely confidential basis and urged that under no circum-
stances should his identify be divulged and that extreme
caution be exercised in use of his information in order not
to in any way violate the confidential relationship between
the PCI and those individuals he named. It is believed
that the information regarding Russo's admissions and
Mrs. McMaines having been afforded polygraph examinations
should be furnished to the Attorney General.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the information furnished by source be paraphrased and summarized and disseminated to the Attorney General. Attached is letter to Attorney General enclosing a suitable letterhead memorandum.

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