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556PM URGENT 7/11/67 RDC
TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)
FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -
INFO CONCERNING, OO: DALLAS.

NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM, RED FLASH EDITION, JULY ELEVEN
INSTANT, INDICATES THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARRISON'S OFFICE HAS CHARGED
RICHARD TOWNLEY, TELEVISION NEWSMAN FOR WDSU, WITH ATTEMPTING
TO BRIBE AND INTIMIDATE PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO AND ATTEMPTED
INTIMIDATION OF MARLEEN MANCUSO, FORMER WIFE OF GORDON

NOVEL. ARTICLE RELATES THAT THESE CHARGES ARE IN CONJUNCTION
WITH PREVIOUSLY FILED CHARGES AGAINST WALTER SHERIDAN, NBC.
THE CHARGES ARE ATTEMPTING TO BRIBE RUSSO BY OFFERING
HIM ONE, LODGING IN THE STATE OF CALIF.; TWO, GUARANTEE BY
NBC OF EMPLOYMENT OR JOB SECURITY IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
OR THE STATE OF CALIF.; THREE, PAYMENT OF THE FEE FOR THE
LEGAL SERVICES OF AN ATTORNEY FOR EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS

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OR ANY OTHER PROCEEDINGS; FOUR, PROTECTION AND IMMUNITY FROM
THE STATE OF LA. AND THE OFFICE OF THE DA FOR THE PARISH
OF ORLEANS, SERVING AS AN INTERMEDIARY TO INFLUENCE CROSS-
EXAMINING TRIAL ATTORNEYS NOT TO DAMAGE THE CHARACTER AND
REPUTATION OF PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO.

- ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT THIS IS A RESULT OF THE NBC
PROGRAM TELECAST ON JUNE NINETEEN LAST. THE BILL OF INFORMA-
TION AGAINST TOWNLEY SAID "RICHARD TOWNLEY DID WILFULLY
AND LAWFULLY USE VIOLENCE, FORCE AND THREATS UPON ONE
PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO...WITH INTENT TO INFLUENCE HIS CONDUCT
IN RELATION TO HIS DUTY". THE THIRD CHARGE LEVELED AGAINST
TOWNLEY INVOLVES ~~MARLEEN MANCUSO~~ ^{aka Novel} Lo
TWENTYONE ALLEGATION BY GARRISON THAT THE NBC NEWS TEAM
HAD ATTEMPTED TO INTERFERE WITH HER TESTIMONY AS A WITNESS
IN THE BURGLARY CONSPIRACY AGAINST NOVEL. SHE IS QUOTED AS SAYING
TOWNLEY TOLD HER GARRISON WOULD BE "DESTROYED". "HE SAID
THEY WERE NOT MERELY GOING TO DISCREDIT THE PROBE BUT GARRISON
WOULD GET A JAIL SENTENCE". IT IS ALLEGED THAT TOWNLEY
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ATTEMPTED TO INDUCE MANCUSO TO APPEAR ON THE TELECAST BY TELLING HER A "PRIOR INTERVIEW" WOULD PUT HER IN "GOOD LIGHT" WHEN SHE WAS FINALLY SUBPOENAED.

ASSISTANT DA RICHARD V. BURNES IN FILING THE CHARGES ADDED THAT TOWNLEY USED VIOLENCE, FORCE AND THREATS UPON ONE MARLEEN MANCUSO .. WITH INTENT TO INFLUENCE HER CONDUCT IN RELATION TO HER DUTY AS A WITNESS. HE ADDED FOR THE STATEDS ITEM "FROM THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO OUR OFFICE IT IS CLEAR THAT HE HAS VIOLATED LA. PUBLIC BRIBERY AND INTIMIDATION OF WITNESSES STATUTE.

WARRANT WAS ISSUED FOR TOWNLEY AND HIS ATTORNEY STEPHEN LEMANN, SAID HE AND TOWNLEY WOULD APPEAR TO POST SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS BOND INSTANT DATE.

NO ^{KCMO} LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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