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TO DIRECTOR (65-7321) AND CHICAGO (62-5001)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (62-3513) 2P

JAMES RIDGLE HOFFA, ETAL: RF: ETC.; OO: CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE, AUGUST SIXTEEN INSTANT.

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NEW ORLEANS PD WHO IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH ORLEANS PARISH DISTRICT COURT, HAS ADVISED THAT JUDGE MALCOLM O'HARA HAS BEEN ON VACATION SINCE JULY TWENTYEIGHT LAST AND WILL BE ON VACATION UNTIL AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT NEXT. WHEREABOUTS OF JUDGE O'HARA UNKNOWN AT THE PRESENT TIME. REPRESENTATIVE OF NEW ORLEANS PD ADVISED THAT O'HARA HAS NOT ANSWERED HIS TELEPHONE IN THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS. DISCREET INQUIRIES CONTINUING TO DETERMINE PRESENT LOCATION OF JUDGE O'HARA.

PERSHING O. GERVAIS, FORMER INVESTIGATOR FOR DA JIM GARRISON, ADVISED THAT ON AUGUST ELEVEN, LAST, HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM GORDON/NOVEL FROM COCOA BEACH, FLA., TELEPHONE THREE ZERO FIVE-SEVEN EIGHT THREE-SIX ZERO THREE THREE, AND NOVEL TOLD GERVAIS HE HAD INFORMATION WORTH IN THE "SEVEN"

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FIGURES WHICH WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HIS FRIEND, ZACHARY A. STRATE, JR. GERVAIS STATED HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN BECOMING INVOLVED; HOWEVER, HE TOLD STRATE OF THE CALL AND IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT STRATE CONTACTED NOVEL. GERVAIS HAS NO INFORMATION AS TO THE TYPE OF INFORMATION NOVEL ALLEGED HE HAD.

GERVAIS VOLUNTEERED THIS INFORMATION TO AN AGENT OF THIS OFFICE, INSTANT DATE, STATING HE FELT SOMEONE SHOULD HAVE THE INFORMATION AND THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO BE INVOLVED.

PERSHING C. GERVAIS IS CURRENTLY IN BUSINESS WITH STRATE OPERATING A RESTAURANT KNOWN AS THE GREEN DOOR AND MAY HAVE OTHER BUSINESS CONNECTIONS WITH STRATE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT STRATE IS A CLOSE FRIEND. L.F.

GORDON NOVEL IS AN ALLEGED WITNESS IN THE GARRISON INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT BURGLARY OF A MUNITIONS DUMP IN HOUMA, LA. NOVEL HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH FORMER DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIAL WALTER SHERIDAN AND HAS APPEARED ON A TELEVISION PROGRAM PRODUCED BY SHERIDAN ATTACKING THE GARRISON PROBE.

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