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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD  
KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On December 5, 1967, Dr. P. J. Ciccone, Director,  
Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri,  
advised as follows:

*Abraham Bolden*

Abraham Bolden, a former Secret Service Agent, is currently confined at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners. Bolden is serving a sentence after conviction on a charge of solicitation of money by fraud, obstruction of justice and conspiracy. Bolden alleges that he was convicted on perjury testimony and recently secured counsel through the Federal Court to assist him in his legal matters. He claims to have new information which will eventually result in his release. His court appointed attorney, John Hosmer, Marshfield, Missouri, contacted social worker Hughes of the Federal Medical Center and obtained permission to visit with Bolden, accompanied by two legal associates. The social worker authorized the visits, although he was not aware of the identity of the two legal associates. The two associates signed the Medical Center's visitors registration book as M. R. Lane and Dick Burnes. The three attorneys visited with Bolden for one and one-half hours on December 4, 1967, and thirty minutes on December 5, 1967. On conclusion of the last visit a news conference was held at the Colonial Hotel, Springfield, Missouri, called by the three attorneys. The attorneys assisting Hosmer were identified as Mark Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment," and Richard V. Burnes, a member of the staff of New Orleans Prosecuting Attorney Jim Garrison.

Mark Lane, speaking for the group, advised that Bolden had given them some explosive information on the Kennedy assassination. He further informed the press that Bolden would be subpoenaed by Jim Garrison and that Lane and Garrison were looking for some unidentified individual who could furnish pertinent information on the assassination and that Bolden has supplied them with a tie-in.

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During the conference attorney Hosmer stated that he did not want "the Department of Justice or the FBI interfering with Bolden's security at the prison."

Attached are copies of press reports growing out of the above conference.