

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

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

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

January 3, 1968

- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Lenihan
- 1 - Mr. Goble

Reference is made to my communication dated December 28, 1967, and to the memorandum also dated December 28, 1967, which was enclosed with that communication. The memorandum analyzed allegations made by New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison in a press conference held by him in New Orleans, on December 26, 1967.

Garrison, at the December 26, 1967, press conference, alleged that Loran Hall of California had inside knowledge of the assassination the day it happened. The analysis of this allegation is set forth on pages 3 and 4 of the above-mentioned memorandum. This analysis included pertinent information developed by this Bureau concerning Loran Eugene Hall and Lawrence Howard.

News media on December 29, 1967, reported that Garrison had subpoenaed three men as material witnesses in his investigation. They were reported as Loran A. Hall, of Kernville, California; Lawrence J. Howard, Jr., of Los Angeles; and Thomas Beckham, of Omaha, Nebraska. I thought that you would want to know the pertinent information from the files of this Bureau concerning Thomas Beckham, in addition to that already furnished concerning Hall and Howard.

The name of Thomas Beckham never appeared during our investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. However, on January 13, 1967, we received information that Garrison had located a witness, Thomas Beckham, who was allegedly associated with Oswald and assisted him in passing out leaflets. Our files contain a reference to a Thomas Edward Beckham of New Orleans who in 1962 was seeking funds for a religious group aiding Cubans. This man allegedly had a record with the New Orleans Police Department for being involved in such activities.

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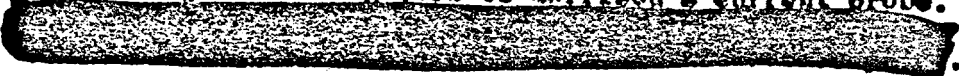
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The information that Thomas Beckham was one of Garrison's witnesses was furnished this Bureau by Jack S. Martin, the New Orleans private investigator who was one of the original instigators of Garrison's current probe.



This information is also being furnished to Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House.

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NOTE:

Data set forth above was contained in memorandum W. A. Branigan to W. C. Sullivan dated 12/29/67, captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas," prepared by TNG:as.