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Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

*Assassination of  
President John F. Kennedy*

Reference is made to my letter dated December 28, 1967, and to the memorandum also dated December 28, 1967, which was enclosed with that letter. 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 three and four 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 the President 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, 1968, we

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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. In October, 1962, this man's mother reported that he was then a patient in the mental ward of a hospital in New Orleans.

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. Martin himself has a history of mental illness and in 1957 was a psychiatric patient in a New Orleans hospital.

This information is also being furnished to the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

**NOTE:**

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