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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

SUBJECT : Garrison Investigation and Ramparts Magazine

Operation of Ramparts
John Raymond La

1. We have been informed that the Mexico City News of 11 December 1967 contains an article written by Perla Fishbein De Gonzalez. The article describes an interview which she had conducted in New Orleans during the preceding week with District Attorney James Garrison. The article quotes Garrison as saying that he believes that President Johnson was implicated in the assassination of President Kennedy and that he regards CIA as a fascist alter-ego in the United States.

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2. A source has further reported that this article may be the opening shot in a campaign involving De Gonzalez, Garrison, and Ramparts.

a. De Gonzalez is presently collaborating with Ramparts on the case of one Joel David Kaplan, imprisoned in Mexico. A former Ramparts staff writer (since discharged), John Raymond, went to Mexico in May 1967 in an attempt to cover the Kaplan case.

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b. Ramparts paid for De Gonzalez' trip to New Orleans and arranged for her interview with Garrison.

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c. Ramparts is trying to put together a story linking the Kaplan case directly to the Kennedy assassination. It appears that one element of the Ramparts theory is that Kaplan informed Castro of the timing of the Bay of Pigs invasion. Another element is that Senator Robert Kennedy has been exerting pressure on the Mexican Government, presumably either personally or through

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the U. S. Government and U. S. Embassy in Mexico,
to keep Kaplan in prison.

d. Ramparts has about six staff reporters
working on the story. One of them was present at
the De Gonzalez-Garrison interview.

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