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Date: February 9, 1968

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

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

On February 7, 1968, Mr. Gordon D. Novel, contacted a Special Agent of this Bureau and advised he was passing through Washington, D. C., en route to Columbus, Ohio, where he now resides. Mr. Novel, a former night club owner in New Orleans, Louisiana, has been prominently mentioned in news media in recent months in connection with the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy by New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison. Mr. Novel has denounced Garrison's investigation as a complete fraud.

On February 7, 1968, Mr. Novel stated that he had recently been in contact with Clay Shaw's attorneys in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Novel claimed that these attorneys advised him that they plan to subpoena many Federal officials and Federal investigative personnel who were directly or indirectly involved in the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Mr. Novel added that Shaw's attorneys feel that testimony of reputable Government witnesses regarding the lack of evidence that there was a conspiracy in the assassination of President Kennedy will be their best defense for Clay Shaw.

Mr. Novel further advised that Shaw's attorneys plan to issue many subpoenas to FBI and CIA personnel, and that X will be among the FBI personnel to be issued a subpoena.

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In conclusion, Mr. Novel stated that he was informed by Shaw's attorneys that Shaw's trial will probably commence in Louisiana during the first week of April, 1968.

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