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Re: Assassination of President  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy,  
November 22, 1963  
Dallas, Texas

On February 29, 1968, A. Edward Horsey, 2320 Cull Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan, affiliated with A. Edward Horsey and Associates accounting firm, Kalamazoo, Michigan, advised in the years following the assassination of John F. Kennedy, he has actively been engaged in an investigation of the assassination inasmuch as he is of the belief that Lee Harvey Oswald was not the sole individual responsible for the death of John F. Kennedy; but rather was only one of several individuals involved in a conspiracy.

Horsey related that his investigation has put him in direct contact with Penn Jones, Mark Lane, Jim Garrison, and others who are actively investigating the assassination.

He advised that he recently received a letter from Joshua Thompson, a professor at Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania, in which Thompson related he had been in recent contact with one James Mays, Miami, Florida, and Mays alleged to have information as to the identity of an individual who participated in the assassination. Horsey noted that he is acquainted with Thompson as he and Thompson had been in previous contact with one another relative to the assassination investigation as Thompson is also interested in various aspects of the assassination.

Horsey advised that Thompson informed him that he was reluctant to have further contact with Mays and Horsey volunteered to establish contact with Mays. Thompson informed Horsey that he had written to Mays in care of General Delivery, Miami, Florida.

Horsey stated he subsequently directed a letter to Mays and requested Mays telephone him collect. He advised an individual who identified himself as James Mays telephoned him on February 26, 1968,

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and also on two other occasions since that date. Horsey furnished the following information he claims to have obtained from Mays during these telephone conversations:

Mays and a friend were approached by Lee Harvey Oswald at the Iddlede Club in Dallas, Texas, approximately ten days prior to the assassination and both were offered \$25,000 apiece to participate in the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Mays declined; however, the buddy, whom Mays refused to identify, accepted the offer. The buddy confirmed his acceptance of the offer with a meeting with Oswald at the Vegas Club in Dallas approximately two days before the assassination. The buddy did actually fire shots at John F. Kennedy on the day of the assassination from a position in the area of the "grassy knoll" using a .357 magnum pistol equipped with a telescopic sight. He subsequently effected his escape from the scene by means of sewers under Daley Plaza. This individual has since fled the United States. For information as to the identity of this individual, Mays wants \$10,000 cash, a guarantee of protection, preferably from Jim Garrison, and an additional \$15,000 cash or one-half the royalties from any book which might be written relative to any convictions obtained.

Horsey further advised that Mays informed him that it would also be a condition that he be taken into protective custody; again preferably by Jim Garrison, prior to his receiving any money or his divulgence of the identity of this individual.

Horsey stated he was able to record on a tape recorder the first of his three telephone conversations with Mays and the tape recording contains a quantity of the information furnished by Mays. Horsey offered to furnish a copy of this tape recording to the Bureau.

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Horsey also noted that on February 27, 1968, he telephonically contacted Mark Lane and related the information concerning Mays to him as Lane is currently a member of Jim Garrison's investigative staff. He stated Lane subsequently telephoned him the same date and informed him that Garrison was desirous of having use of the original tape recording. Horsey advised he plans to forward a copy of the tape recording to Garrison.

Horsey stated that according to Mark Lane, Garrison is willing to offer Mays protection; however, to Horsey's knowledge, no one has offered to provide the \$10,000 demanded by Mays.

In addition, Horsey claims that on February 29, 1968, he was contacted at his office by an individual who claimed to be an employee of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company. This individual, who did not provide his name or other identification, informed Horsey that the telephone company had information that there might possibly be a "tap" on his telephone. Horsey related that this individual requested that he be allowed to inspect the telephone in Horsey's office and its connecting lines at some later date and in Horsey's presence. Horsey advised he observed this individual to depart in an automobile which bore the Michigan Bell Telephone Company decal. He stated he has not contacted the telephone company in an effort to confirm the employment of this individual.

Additionally, Horsey noted that William Berry, Assistant Editor, Miami News, Miami, Florida, has been in contact with Mays on at least two occasions; however, Horsey stated it is his understanding that Berry does not wish to act as a "middle man" for any contacts between Mays and any individuals who might wish to negotiate with him.

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