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TO: DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)

FROM: NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,  
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOV. TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, MISCELLANEOUS -  
INFO CONCERNING OO: DALLAS.

THE RED COMET EDITION OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM  
DATED MARCH TWENTY INSTANT CONTAINED A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE  
WHICH REPORTS THAT ATTORNEYS FOR CLAY L. SHAW, WHO HAS BEEN  
CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT JOHN  
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, HAVE UNTIL MARCH TWENTYONE NEXT TO  
DECIDE WHETHER THEY WILL CALL ANY MORE WITNESSES IN AN ATTEMPT  
TO HAVE THE SHAW TRIAL MOVED AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED  
MILES FROM NEW ORLEANS.

THE ARTICLE RELATED THAT A TOTAL OF EIGHTY JURY  
VENIREMEN WERE QUESTIONED OVER A TWO-DAY PERIOD AND THAT  
OF THESE, SIXTYFIVE TOLD THE COURT THEY COULD GIVE SHAW A  
FAIR TRIAL, THIRTEEN SAID THEY HAD FIXED OPINIONS AND  
TWO WERE EXCUSED, ONE BECAUSE OF AGE AND THE OTHER BECAUSE  
HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE LEGAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED.

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JUDGE EDWARD A. HAGGERTY, JR. IS QUOTED IN THE ARTICLE AS INDICATING THAT HE WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN DECISION WHEN THE HEARING IS COMPLETED AND WHEN HE HAS READ AND VIEWED THE MYRIAD OF NEWS STORIES, TELEVISION TRANSCRIPTS AND FILMS PRESENTED AS EVIDENCE.

THE RED FLASH EDITION OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES ITEM FOR MARCH TWENTY INSTANT CONTAINS A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE WHICH STATES THAT COUNSEL FOR DA JAMES GARRISON ON MARCH TWENTY INSTANT ASKED FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE JAMES A. COMISKEY TO DISMISS A CONTEMPT OF COURT ACTION AGAINST GARRISON.

THE ARTICLE NOTED THAT ~~DAVID L. CHANDLER~~, LIFE MAGAZINE REPORTER, HAD THROUGH HIS ATTORNEY CICERO SESSIONS LAST WEEK CHARGED IN A MOTION FILED IN FEDERAL COURT THAT GARRISON HAD MADE STATEMENTS THAT THERE WAS A "FEDERAL CONSPIRACY" FOR THE WITHHOLDING OF EVIDENCE IN GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

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JUDGE COMISKEY, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, STATED TODAY THAT WITNESSES WOULD BE EXCUSED FROM THE HEARING AND THAT ARGUMENTS WOULD BE HEARD ON WHETHER CHANDLER'S MOTION SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAND, WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE A ONE-JUDGE OR THREE JUDGE HEARING AND WHETHER ANOTHER JUDGE SHOULD BE APPOINTED TO HEAR THE MATTER. EARLIER, THE ARTICLE CONTINUED, JAMES L. ALCOCK, ASSISTANT DA, ORLEANS PARISH, FILED A MOTION TO DISMISS THE CHANDLER ACTION IN WHICH ALCOCK SAID THAT IF THERE IS CONTEMPT INVOLVED IT IS CRIMINAL CONTEMPT AND THAT ONLY CERTAIN OFFICIALS SUCH AS JUDGES AND USAS COULD BRING SUCH A PROCEEDING, NOT CHANDLER.

THE RED FLASH EDITION OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM FOR MARCH TWENTY INSTANT ON PAGE FOUR CARRIES AND ARTICLE STATING THAT ASSISTANT DA RICHARD V. BURNES, DESCRIBED AS PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN THE INVESTIGATION BY DA JIM GARRISON INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, HAS  
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RESIGNED FROM THE DA'S STAFF. THE ARTICLE SAID THAT ASSISTANT DA JAMES L. ALCOCK STATED THAT BURNES' RESIGNATION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ASSASSINATION PROBE BY DA JIM GARRISON.

THE ARTICLE STATES THAT BURNES REFUSED TO MAKE ANY COMMENT ON HIS RESIGNATION BUT THAT ALCOCK NOTED THAT MANY ATTORNEYS JOINED THE DA'S STAFF TO GAIN EXPERIENCE AND THEN MOVE ON TO OTHER JOBS.

THE ARTICLE STATED THAT BURNES HAS JOINED THE LAW FIRM OF CAMILLE GRAVEL IN ALEXANDRIA, LA. THE ARTICLE OBSERVED THAT AS RECENTLY AS LAST WEEK BURNES WAS ASSOCIATED WITH ALCOCK IN THE HEARING ON A MOTION TO MOVE SHAW'S TRIAL OUTSIDE NEW ORLEANS.

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NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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