

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Adams *ma*

DATE: September 10, 1974

FROM : R. E. Gebhardt *W*

- 1 - Mr. Gebhardt
- 1 - Mr. Bates
- 1 - Mr. Nettles
- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. White

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF JOHN FITZGERALD  
KENNEDY  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
11/22/63

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Today the Director furnished to me the attached folder containing numerous photographs taken at the time of the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas, Texas, by Dallas newspapers and known photographs of E. Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis. Information in this album raises the question as to whether the photographs taken in 1963 could be Hunt, Sturgis or Thomas Arthur Vallee.

The Director received this album from Donald Donahue, Administrative Aide to Senator Jackson of Washington, ~~SENATOR JACKSON~~ Donahue received the album from a Mike Canfield who was described as a freelance reporter. (It is noted memorandums of 8/7/74 and 8/13/74 captioned "Reuters Inquiry Regarding Photographs Relating to Kennedy Assassination" related to this same subject matter and sets forth that Canfield and Allen J. Weberman are working on this project out of the office of Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez (D-Texas). Apparently these are the photographs Canfield promised Bowers that he would make available to the FBI.)

According to Donahue, Canfield has advised he developed a rapport with the officer in photograph #4. It is not known whether the officer furnished any information Canfield as to the identity of the three individuals apparently in custody. Donahue states, however, that according to Canfield there is no record in the Dallas Police Department concerning any such arrests of these three individuals. It is further noted in the album several questions have been raised as to whether the photographs were doctored. The significance of these questions is not known.

*Donahue*

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After discussing this matter with the Director, it was decided this matter should be resolved as quickly as possible and should preclude any further rumor, gossip or supposition in this regard.

**ACTION:** (1) It is requested that the Laboratory review the entire album and in particular do whatever is necessary to compare the photographs of the three unknown individuals depicted in photograph #4 with the known photographs of Hunt, Sturgis and Vallee. Any comments the Laboratory might have relative to the questions raised as to whether various photographs were "doctored" would be appreciated.

(2) Donahue should be contacted and have him ascertain from Canfield the identity of the police officer depicted in photograph #4 so that we can contact him direct for any information he might have relative to the three individuals apparently under arrest. At that time it should be further resolved whether they were booked and printed or in the alternative were released. (It is noted Donahue requested he be contacted for any additional information we may need from Canfield.)

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