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

This investigation is predicated upon receipt at
FBI Headquarters, Washington, D. C. of the letter dated
April 1, 1977, from [REDACTED]
Dallas, Texas. The letter states as follows:

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"Dallas, Texas
April 1, 1977

"FBI,
Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir, I am [REDACTED]
Street, Dallas, Texas. I am writing you this letter
concerning the late President Kennedy.

"I lived in Pensacola, Fla. at the time of
his death. I had never been in Dallas, never heard of
Jack Ruby or Candy Bar until this happened.

"I knew this man and his wife who later were
divorced.

"The story as is this man was a real hoodlum,
anything for a fast dollar.

"What I am going to tell you about this
man is no prank. I am honest in what I am writing you.
I don't drink or take drugs. I am a reliable citizen.
And this has been on my mind ever since this happen.
I think it should be known true or not. So I'm going
to tell you just the way I got the story.

"This man's home was in Pensacola, Fla. his family
lives there. His name was Henry Kellam known to his friends
as Red Kellam. At the time of President Kennedy's death
Henry Kellam was living in Dallas, Texas. A wk. or so later
after this he arrives back in Pensacola. His family called
his ex-wife to come to their home. Red Henry Kellam was
there when she went to see what they wanted.

"This Henry was really messed up. He kept
repeating over and over. They are after me they are going
to kill me because I helped kill President Kennedy So his
family kept him locked in the house for more than a wk.
Then one night a wk. later he managed to get out. While
everyone was sleeping He managed to get to the main street
in downtown Pensacola. The bars closed at 2:30 am. I
imagine he was trying to get to the bar where his ex-wife
was So at 2:30 am. they found him dead on the corner of
Intendencia and Palafax Street. There was a gift shop

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there on that corner. They stuffed alligators in the window. So they said he had jumped through this plate glass window. But when the police found him he was hanging on a parking meter and died. Now this man was about 6 ft. 3 in., and weighed around 240 pounds. Don't you think if a man of his size jumped through a plate glass window he would have had cuts and scratches. But only his throat was cut and his diamond ring was missing which was never found. But really he had such bad background. Nobody cared enough to really find out what happened so they ruled it suicide and forgot all about it.

"He has one brother in Fla. His name is Jack Kellam. he was a car salesman. He lived with his mother but I am pretty sure she has passed on for she was so old and Sick when I moved to Dallas. This Henry Kellam's ex-wife was married again when I moved. She married Larry Woods. He played in the band at this night club on Palafax St. the name of the place was Trader Johns. And her mother's name was Myrtle Hendricks. She lived in Myrtle Grove there in Pensacola. I am sure they would probably deny any of this. But from my heart this is the true story I got from her his ex-wife. And now you can decide what you think But knowing this I am sure if there was a dollar in for him he was willing.

"All my friends ask me not to write you this letter but being a citizen it is my duty. And believe me what I have written you I believe every word of this was true.

"Now my conscience and my heart is clear this I wanted to write you this for so long.

"Thank you, [REDACTED]
Dallas, Texas 75232."

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On April 28, 1977, [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, Telephone Number [REDACTED] furnished the following information to SA [REDACTED] FBI, Dallas, Texas. She advised that the information contained in her letter to the FBI, Washington, D. C., dated April 1, 1977, was obtained sometime in 1964, from Gertrude Hendricks, whose maiden name was Gertrude Hardy, also known as "Trudy", a former wife of Henry "Red" Killam. She stated that in her April 1, 1977, letter, she spelled the name as Kellam, but that the name should be spelled "Killam".

She described Gertrude Hendricks as [REDACTED] whom she has known for many years. Gertrude was at one time married to Henry Killam and he apparently visited her when he returned to Pensacola, Florida, from Dallas, Texas, in the latter part of 1963, or the early part of 1964. Gertrude Hendricks told [REDACTED] she obtained information from Henry Killam and Killam's family. [REDACTED] advised she moved to Dallas, Texas, approximately 10 years ago and that she has lost contact with Gertrude Hendricks and does not know her present location. Gertrude Hendricks has been married at least four times and after she was divorced from Killam, she married a Larry Woods.

[REDACTED] advised that when she lived in Pensacola, Florida, she worked at the Southsea Bar and the Anchor Bar, located on Palafax Street for 20 years. Gertrude worked at Trader John's Nightclub which was located in the same vicinity, and they became friends.

[REDACTED] advised that she did not know Wanda Killam.

[REDACTED] has been employed [REDACTED] at Phil's Delicatessen, North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas, for the past five years.

For the purpose of background information, the following previously conducted investigation is set forth concerning Henry Thomas Killam and Wanda Joyce Killam. Also attached hereto are three copies of newspaper articles which in part deal with the Killam allegations.