

THE SENATOR HAD PREVIOUSLY expressed the opinion that the report of the federal commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren into the late President's death "was not conclusive in some respects."

Garrison has been carrying on an independent investigation of the assassination

and has said he expects arrests, within months, of possible conspirators.

"I am convinced he has some information the Warren Commission didn't have," Long said. "He asked me not to tell the FBI what he was doing, and I didn't."

Long said that Garrison had under arrest one suspected conspirator at the time the Warren Commission made its report, but released him because the commission found that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination.

GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION, LONG said, is centering around Oswald's former associates in New Orleans.

The senator said Garrison was keeping him informed of developments "only in a general way."

In New Orleans, Garrison threw a cloak of secrecy today around his investigation.

Garrison told a press conference that it may be months before his promised arrests and convictions in connection with the alleged plot.

He blamed the duration of the probe on what he considers premature publicity. The DA had made an agreement to break the story in a national magazine, but the States-Item dug out the news on its own and revealed it

last Friday.

At an hour-long press conference yesterday afternoon (closed to representatives of the States-Item and The Times-Picayune), Garrison said he is clamping strict secrecy on his investigation. He said he will set up a special fund so he won't have to file public expense vouchers which give a clue to the activities of his investigators.

THE OFFICIAL report by the Warren Commission said Kennedy was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald — a former New Orleans resident—and that it found no credible evidence anyone else was involved.

The press conference was by special invitation to all interested newsmen except representatives of the States-Item and The Times-Picayune.

Garrison said he was displeased with the States-Item for disclosing that he was conducting an investigation.

IN THE hour-long conference he revealed no new information of any significance concerning the investigation. One reporter remarked after the conference that Garrison gave an "hour-long no comment".

Garrison said that the disclosure of his investigation had put the life of one witness

in danger and then said this witness was not very important to the case.

Garrison complained that he was short-staffed. When asked by one reporter present at the conference why he doesn't turn his information over to a federal agency to pursue, Garrison's reply was, "What? And wait three years?"

Asked if he thought any foreign country or any official was involved in the alleged conspiracy, Garrison said no. He turned away most questions with "no comment."

GARRISON'S investigation has stirred both interest and skepticism.

In Washington yesterday, Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., urged that the Warren Commission reopen its investigation.

Detroit attorney for the late Jack Ruby, Sol A. Dann, telegraphed Garrison urging him to arrange for a federal or state grand jury probe. Dann sent a similar letter to state attorney general Jack P. F. Gremillion requesting that an inquiry be made into "Jim Garrison's information or evidence."

Garrison said he has no intention now of turning over his information to either federal or state officials.

IN BATON Rouge, Gov. John J. McKeithen said he will provide state cooperation if Garrison needs it.

Mrs. Marguerite Oswald of Fort Worth, Tex., mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, offered any help she could give to Garrison in his investigation.

Dean A. Andrews Jr., assistant Jefferson Parish district attorney, said he was contacted by a man named Clay Bertrand shortly after the assassination and asked to defend Oswald. The Warren Commission was unable to locate the man identified as Bertrand.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : Director, FBI (62-109060)
FROM : SAC, New Orleans (89-69) (P)
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING
(OO: Dallas)

The New Orleans, States-Item of 2/21/67 set forth information that DEAN A. ANDREWS, JR., Assistant Jefferson Parish District Attorney, said he was contacted by a man named CLAY BERTRAND shortly after the assassination and asked him to defend OSWALD. The Warren Commission was unable to locate the man identified as BERTRAND.

BILL ELDER, newsman, WWL-TV, Channel 4, New Orleans, stopped an Agent of this Office on the street, and advised that CLAYBOURN BERTRAND, who had supposedly called an attorney to defend OSWALD, was currently being sought by the District Attorney's office. ELDER said he had information that CLAY BERTRAND was located in Lafayette, La., working as a real estate agent. ELDER stated BERTRAND supposedly has a "violent temper and is radical." BERTRAND, according to ELDER, is about 30 years old and supposedly punched the sheriff of St. Tammany Parish. ELDER said BERTRAND was supposedly in New Orleans during the "critical period."

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (89-75) (RUC)
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 2/20/67, Mr. NORMAN ORRMINNS, Inspector, INS, Los Angeles, appeared at the Los Angeles Office and stated that he was furnishing the following information for whatever we feel it is worth.

ORRMINNS said a fellow INS Inspector, J. B. AMERSON, was assigned and working in the Dallas, Texas, area when President KENNEDY was assassinated and that AMERSON is well acquainted with the Dallas area. He indicated it was significant to note that when LEE HARVEY OSWALD was picked up, he was headed in the direction of the Red Bird Airport in Dallas and had almost reached that airport. ORRMINNS said that AMERSON had a subject he was working on in Dallas prior to the assassination, and the name of this subject not recalled by ORRMINNS but can be determined from AMERSON, who is now working out of the Los Angeles INS Office. He advised that JACK RUBY was well acquainted with AMERSON's subject, who is or was an airplane pilot and was mixed up in smuggling.

The above is made available for information of the Bureau and the Dallas Office, and no contact will be made with AMERSON re the above unless instructed by the Bureau or Dallas.

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CRIMINAL SECTION

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (62-1484) (P)

[REDACTED]
JOHN CLINTON
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

*Assassination of
President John F.
Kennedy*

ReBuairtel, 2/21/67.

There are enclosed to the Bureau six copies of a Letterhead Memorandum captioned JOHN CLINTON. This LHM sets forth the results of an interview with **[REDACTED]** of the firm known as CONSULTANTS & DESIGNERS, INC., 719 North Old Scottsdale Road, Suite 206, Scottsdale, Arizona.

In the interview, **[REDACTED]** advised that he does not know the identity of any of the individuals mentioned in the note beginning "It now appears I have to explain" etc... and ending "...don't disregard this, John." **[REDACTED]** advised that the file on CLINTON was sent to the main office located at 6461 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, California.

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION

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AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Will contact **[REDACTED]** at CONSULTANTS &

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- 1 - San Francisco (Enc. 1) (Info)
- 1 - Phoenix

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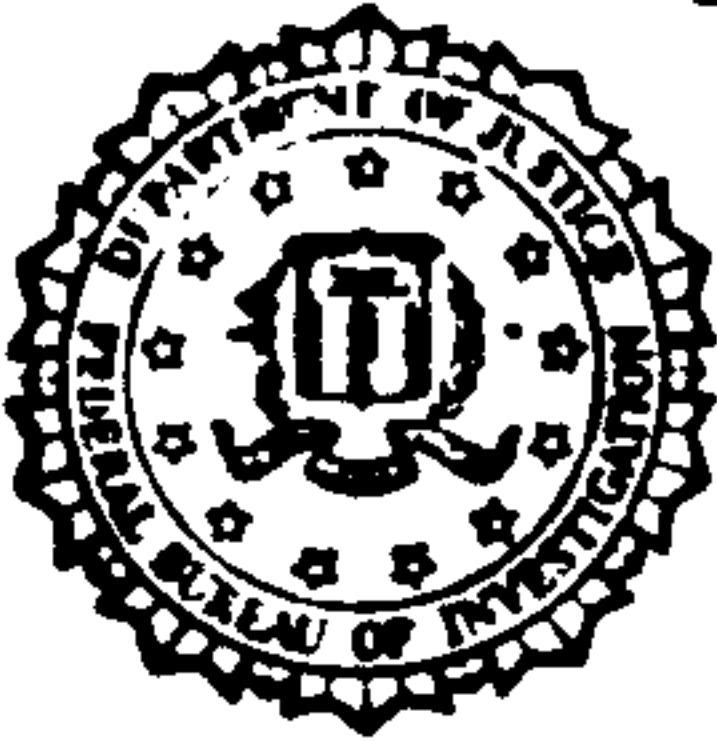
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DESIGNERS, INC., 6461 Sunset Boulevard, and interview [REDACTED] relative to the file on CLINTON in pursuance with Bureau instructions in reBuairtel. A xerox copy of reBuairtel and Phoenix airtel dated 2/14/67 are enclosed for the information of the Los Angeles Office to facilitate this interview.

[REDACTED] should also be interviewed for particulars relative to the receipt of the note beginning "CYANIDE GAS ..." and, if the original is still in existence, consider the note as the basis of a possible extortion matter.

Los Angeles and San Francisco are each being furnished a copy of instant LHM for their information and assistance.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Phoenix, Arizona
February 25, 1967

JOHN CLINTON
INFORMATION CONCERNING

[REDACTED] of the firm known nationally as CONSULTANTS & DESIGNERS, INC., 719 North Old Scottsdale Road, Suite 206, Scottsdale, Arizona, advised on February 24, 1967, that his firm in a quasi nature is an employment agency in specialized fields where the specialized employment is needed on a short-term basis. In this connection, on or about February 3, 1967, he hired one JOHN CLINTON as a draftsman and assigned him to the Aerospace Center of Motorola Incorporated, located at 8201 East McDowell Road, Po Box 13807 Phoenix, Arizona. *B approx 1932! Mountain View, Calif*

[REDACTED] advised that CLINTON worked thirteen hours for Motorola Incorporated on February 6th and 7th, 1967, and then suddenly quit in an emotional state that left people around him thinking that he had gone berserk. He has not been seen since. In this connection, according to [REDACTED] he had been instructed by his home office to discharge CLINTON, because of a statement which CLINTON had made to [REDACTED] on the first day of employment incidental to his request for an advance in wages.

[REDACTED] attributed the statement to CLINTON: "I am writing a novel, and occasionally I like to be thrown in jail because there I can gain firsthand experience concerning the unfair treatment which people receive in jail."

[REDACTED] stated that on CLINTON's first day of employment he gave him a company envelope containing two yellow payroll slips for the signature of MOTOROLA and for mailing to the home office located at 6461 Sunset

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ENCLOSURE

JOHN CLINTON

Boulevard, Hollywood, California. CLINTON used this envelope for enclosing a perplexing note handwritten as follows:

"CYANIDE GAS IS A TERRIBLE WAY TO DIE. PERHAPS YOU WILL ALL BE GIVEN A CHOICE."

This note, which [REDACTED] stated is in the handwriting of JOHN CLINTON, is attached in photocopy form to this memorandum.

Also attached in photocopy form is a note and envelope bearing the name and return address JOHN CLINTON, P. O. Box 1385, Mountain View, California, which note is couched in the following text:

"IT NOW APPEARS I HAVE TO EXPLAIN SOMETHING. FROM ATLANTA TO N.Y. THE ACCOUNTANT SITTING IN FRONT OF MY BROTHER OVERHEARD 2 THINGS: (1) RUMOR ABOUT BOBBY KENNEDY AND (2) RUMOR THAT SOMEONE HIGH IN THE FBI WAS INVOLVED IN THE ASSINATION. I GIVE YOU MY WORD BOTH ARE FALSE. IF GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS STILL RUNNING OUR GOVERNMENT WE WOULDN'T HAVE 1% OF THE PROBLEMS WE NOW HAVE. WHO IS INVOLVED ARE THOSE TRYING TO GET MR. HOOVER OUT OF HIS POSITION. I HONESTLY WONDER IF ANY AGENT WOULD EVEN STEAL AN APPLE. NOW - THIS IS MY AGREEMENT. I KNOW DAVE LUZADER IS HERE IN TOWN. I WANT HIM, "CHICAGO," SMITTY, DOUG MOSELEY, AND THE FELLOW FROM COLUMBUS OHIO (TOASTER BOX) HERE WITHIN A WEEK. I KNOW SMITTY IS AN AGENT. THAT'S 3 & 3 (I THINK) NON-AGENTS WON'T HAVE FIREARMS. I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO USE ONE. I'M NOT WRONG SO DON'T DISREGARD THIS.

"/s/ JOHN"

Mr. [REDACTED] described CLINTON as follows:

Name	JOHN CLINTON
Sex	Male

JOHN CLINTON

Race	White
Age	Approximately 35
Height	6 feet
Weight	140
Hair	Light, balding
Build	Slender
Dress	Sports attire

JOHN CLINTON
P.O. BOX 1385
MT. VIEW, CALIF.

CONSULTANTS & DESIGNERS
719 N. OLD SCOTSDALE RD.
SUITE 208
SCOTSDALE, ARIZONA

ATTN "BUD" KESSEN



947-7169
279-5511

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JOHN

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WILL ALL BE GIVEN A CHOICE.



CONSULTANTS & DESIGNERS INC.
6461 SUNSET BLVD.
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90028

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Consultants & Designers, Inc.
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Hollywood, Calif.

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10-03AM URGENT 2-23-67 LWH

TO DIRECTOR 62-10960

FROM NEW ORLEANS 89-69

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Br...

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

Am...

RE NEW ORLEANS TELS, FEBRUARY TWENTYTWO LAST CONCERNING THE DEATH OF DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE AND NEW ORLEANS TEL TWELVE THIRTY EIGHT P. M., FEBRUARY TWENTY LAST CONCERNING FERRIE'S CONTACT WITH AN AGENT OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE.

AT THE TIME OF THIS CONTACT ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN LAST, FERRIE, IN PASSING, MENTIONED THAT HE HAD BEEN QUITE ILL AND WAS SUFFERING FROM "VIRAL ENCEPHALITIS".

DR. NICHOLAS CHETTA, ORLEANS PARISH CORONER, IS QUOTED IN TODAY'S "TIMES PICAYUNE" AS SAYING THAT TOXICOLOGICAL TESTS ARE CONTINUING IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF FERRIE. DR. CHETTA IS FURTHER QUOTED AS STATING ANATOMICAL FINDINGS SHOW THAT FERRIE SUFFERED THE RUPTURE OF A BLOOD VESSEL AT THE BASE OF THE BRAIN

WHICH CAUSED A HEMORRAGE. DR. CHETTA IS FURTHER QUOTED AS

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FERRIE HAD AN ASSORTMENT OF DRUGS IN HIS APARTMENT BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER FERRIE HAD CONSUMED ANY. CHETTA PLACES THE TIME OF DEATH "SOMETIME LAST EVENING" (TUESDAY).

ACCORDING TO THE TIMES PICAYUNE^U, GEORGE LARDNER, A REPORTER^R FOR THE WASHINGTON POST AND TIMES HERALD, WHO WAS IN NEW ORLEANS TO COVER THE GARRISON INVESTIGATION, SAID HE WENT TO FERRIE'S RESIDENCE ABOUT MIDNIGHT TO INTERVIEW HIM AND REMAINED UNTIL ABOUT FOUR A. M., FEBRUARY TWENTYTWO LAST. LARDNER IS QUOTED AS SAYING "ONCE YOU GET HIM TALKING IT IS HARD TO SHUT HIM OFF."

DR. CHETTA IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT RIGOR MORTIS HAD SET IN AT THE TIME OF HIS EXAMINATION AND THAT THE TIME OF FERRIE'S DEATH HAD TO BE BEFORE FOUR A. M.

GARRISON IS QUOTED AS SAYING "THE TIME OF FERRIE'S DEATH, ACCORDING TO THE CORONER AND ACCORDING TO THE TIME LARDNER SAYS HE WAS WITH FERRIE, REPRESENTS A MAJOR INCONSISTENCY IN THE CASE AND IS ONE OF THE MYSTERIES WE DON'T UNDERSTAND".

THIS SAME ARTICLE^E SHOWS THAT GARRISON WAS ASKED IF HE HAD

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ANY REASON TO BELIEVE ANYBODY BUT LEE HARVEY OSWALD TOOK PART IN THE ACTUAL ASSASSINATION, TO WHICH GARRISON IS QUOTED AS HAVING REPLIED, "I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE AT THIS POINT THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD KILLED ANYBODY IN DALLAS THAT DAY."

ALSO, GARRISON IS QUOTED AS SAYING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON THAT HE HAD DECIDED WEDNESDAY MORNING, BEFORE HE LEARNED OF FERRIS'S DEATH, TO ARREST FERRIE NEXT WEEK.

THIS SAME ARTICLE ALSO STATES THAT WHEN ASKED WHETHER HE WILL NOW ASK FOR HELP FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE PROBE, GARRISON RELIED BY ASKING, "WHAT WOULD BE THE PURPOSE OF SEEKING FEDERAL AID, TO DELAY THE INVESTIGATION THREE MORE YEARS? WE'VE DONE MORE IN THREE MONTHS WITH A SMALL STAFF THAN THE GOVERNMENT DID IN THREE YEARS WITH FIVE THOUSAND MEN."

MATTER BEING CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY NEW ORLEANS THROUGH ESTABLISHED AND RELIABLE SOURCES ONLY.

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1:10 PM URGENT 2-24-67 GTW
 TO DIRECTOR
 FROM NEW ORLEANS 241817

Byrd

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS,
TEXAS NOVEMBER 22, 1963, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
 CONCERNING.

Rosen

REMYTELCALL THIS DATE.

DR. NICHOLAS J. CHETTA, CORNER PARISH OF ORLEANS, AT
 10:45 AM THIS DATE RELEASED THE REPORT OF THE TOXICOLOGY
LABORATORY EXAMINATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTOPSY OF *Law*
DAVID WILLIAM FERRIE. THE REPORT IS AS FOLLOWS: "EXAMINATION
 REQUESTED: ALCOHOL, BARBITURATES, CYANIDE, HEAVY METALS,
 CAUSTIC AGENTS, SCAN. DESCRIPTION OF INVESTIGATION: DEATH
 OF DAVID FERRIE, SUBJECTS: DAVID FERRIE.

SPECIMENS: ONE. ONE SAMPLE OF BLOOD FROM THE ABOVE
 SUBJECT. TWO. ONE SAMPLE OF URINE FROM THE ABOVE SUBJECT.
 THREE. ONE SAMPLE OF SKIN FROM THE LIP OF THE ABOVE SUBJECT.

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RESULTS OF LABORATORY EXAMINATION:

ONE. CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF SPECIMEN ONE WAS NEGATIVE FOR THE PRESENCE OF ALCOHOL, BARBITURATES, CYANIDE, HEAVY METALS AND ACIDIC AND BASIC ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (UV). TWO. CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF SPECIMEN TWO WAS NEGATIVE FOR THE PRESENCE OF CYANIDE. THREE. CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF SPECIMEN THREE REVEALED A NEUTRAL PH.

CERTIFIED COPY OBTAINED AND SAME BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY AIRTEL THIS DATE.

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241PM URGENT 2-26-67 FLL

TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

FROM DALLAS (89-43) 2P

ASSASSINATION OF JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO,

SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS. MISCELLANEOUS INFO CONCERNING. OO-DALLAS.

Information Office

Refer to my teletype
REMYTEL FEB. TWENTYFOUR LAST RE INFO FURNISHED BY SERGIO
REGARDING
ARCACHA SMITH. *LA TEXAS*

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ARCACHA VOLUNTEERED INFO TODAY THAT WILLIAM GURIRCH AND
JIM ALCOCK, INVESTIGATORS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, NEW
ORLEANS, WERE IN DALLAS AND TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HIS RESI-
DENCE FIVE PM FEB. TWENTYFIVE, LAST FOR PURPOSE OF SCHEDULING
AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM. ARCACHA SAID HE HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL
IN OBTAINING SERVICES OF ATTORNEY AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR
INTERVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED AT DALLAS PD. INTERVIEW SCHEDULED
FOR NINE FIFTEEN PM FEB. TWENTYFIVE, LAST.

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GURIRCH AND ALCOCK APPEARED AND MEETING HELD BETWEEN THESE
TWO, ARCACHA AND DETECTIVES ROGERS AND CUNNINGHAM, DALLAS PD,
BUT GURIRCH AND ALCOCK WOULD NOT QUESTION ARCACHA IN PRESENCE
DALLAS DETECTIVES AND ADVISED HIM THEY WOULD NOT QUESTION HIM
IN PRESENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF DALLAS DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Police Department

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OFFICE, BUT INTIMATED THEY MIGHT CONSENT TO INTERVIEW HIM IN PRESENCE OF HIS ATTORNEY.

ARCACHA WILL CONTACT AN ATTORNEY AS HE STATES THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT BEEN IMPLICATED IN ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY, PUBLICITY IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER WOULD HARM HIM IN HIS EMPLOYMENT AND FURTHER HE DOES NOT WANT TO BE "FRAMED BY GARRISON."

ARCACHA WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THIS OFFICE APPRISED.

END

DLH

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/26/67

We have previously received information from one of our sources that Sergio Arcacha Smith is one of the individuals New Orleans District Attorney Garrison claims was involved in the assassination of President Kennedy.

David Lewis, the individual who has received considerable publicity for telling press that five individuals took part in assassination conspiracy, recently told our source that Smith is one of three individuals believed by Garrison to be involved in assassination. We developed no evidence linking Smith with Oswald or the assassination during our intensive investigation.

Jack Martin, who has past history of mental illness, reportedly touched off investigation of assassination now being conducted by Garrison. Martin is acquainted with Smith and may be behind Garrison's attempts to link Smith to assassination.

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W. J. V. [unclear]

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711PM URGENT 2-2367 KAMTO DIRECTOR (62-109060)

FROM KANSAS CITY (62-8156) 2P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS, MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

- Mr. Wick
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

[REDACTED] FORMER

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE THIS OFFICE, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE RE CAPTIONED MATTER.

[REDACTED] ADVISED ONE DAVID FERRIE WAS GUEST AT PHILLIPS HOTEL FEW MONTHS AGO USING DALLAS, TEXAS, AS ADDRESS. SOME TIME AGO PHILLIPS HOTEL RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE RE TELEPHONE TOLL CALLS MADE BY FERRIE WHILE GUEST IN HOTEL. HOTEL, IN REPLY TO REQUEST, STATED IT WAS AGAINST HOTEL POLICY TO REVEAL SUCH INFORMATION UNLESS PRESENTED WITH SUBPOENA.

[REDACTED] THEREAFTER FORGOT ABOUT MATTER UNTIL P.M., FEB. TWENTYTWO SIXTYSEVEN, WHEN HE READ ABOUT FERRIE APPARENTLY
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COMMITTING SUICIDE IN NEW ORLEANS, FEB. TWENTYTWO,
SIXTYSEVEN.

[REDACTED] ADVISED (HE) WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO FBI ANY
INFORMATION [REDACTED] RECORDS CONTAIN RE FERRIE BECAUSE HE
BELIEVED FBI MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER.

KANSAS CITY WILL MAKE NO ACTIVE INQUIRY THIS MATTER,
UACB.

COPIES TO DALLAS AND NEW ORLEANS.

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Mr. Callahan	_____
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FBI WASH DC

6:00PM 2-23-67 URGENT RCM

TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS

FROM NEWARK (62-3060) 4P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOV. TWENTY TWO SIXTY THREE, DALLAS, TEXAS.

RE:PH AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU NOV. TWENTY NINE, SIXTY THREE, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE WITH SUBTITLE OF BEN TRAEGLER'S BAR, AIRLINE HIGHWAY, NEW ORLEANS, LA., WHEREIN ONE EUGENE R. DELA PARRA WAS INTERVIEWED AT PH OFFICE AND LHM SUBMITTED RE CONVERSATION AT TRAEGLER'S BAR RE PRICE ON THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD AND FACT THAT SOMEONE WILL KILL KENNEDY WHEN HE COMES DOWN SOUTH.

IT IS NOTED IN REAIRTEL EXPLAINED DELA PARRA SUFFERED NERVOUS BREAKDOWN DURING WORLD II, AND IS CURRENTLY RECEIVING SEVENTY PER CENT DISABILITY.

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DELA PARRA CONTINUES TO RECEIVE THIS DISABILITY.

TODAY , ~~EUGENE R. DELA PARRA~~, ^{8 4 7} EIGHT FOUR SEVEN HADDON AVE.,
COLLINGSWOOD, NJ, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN RESIDING IN NJ SINCE
NINETEEN SIXTY THREE. HE FORMERLY RESIDED IN NEW ORLEANS, LA.

DELA PARRA AROUND JUNE, SIXTY THREE WAS WORKING
FOR BENNY TRAEGER, AT TRAEGER'S BAR, IN NEW ORLEANS, AND WHILE
WORKING IN THIS BAR ON OR ABOUT SIX TWENTY TWO, SIXTY THREE,
TONY MARCELLA CAME INTO THE PREMISES TO SERVICE THE PIN BALL
MACHINE. DELA PARRA ADVISED TONY MARCELLA IS THE BROTHER OF
VINCENT MARCELLA, WHO OWNS MOTELS IN NEW ORLEANS.

VINCENT MARCELLA HAS ANOTHER BROTHER, WHO IS A PART TIME
GAMBLER IN NEW ORLEANS.

DELA PARRA ADVISED THAT ON THIS PARTICULAR DATE, TONY
MARCELLA STATED TO BEN TRAEGER AND THREE OR FOUR OTHERS AT THE
BAR THAT "THE WORD IS OUT TO GET THE KENNEDY FAMILY".

AFTER THE REMARK WAS MADE, BEN TRAEGER CAME TO DELA PARRA
IN THE BACK ROOM OF THE BAR AND REPEATED THE STATEMENT.

BEN TRAEGER WAS LAUGHING AND ADDED THEY ARE ONLY PAYING
ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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END PAGE TWO.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS INCIDENT, DELA PARRA REPORTED THE INFO TO THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AND IMMEDIATELY SUBSEQUENT TO THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, DELA PARRA ADVISED THAT HE FURNISHED THE INFO AGAIN TO THE PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE FBI.

DELA PARRA ADVISED THAT AFTER READING ABOUT THE DEATH OF DAVID W. ^{LO}FERRIE IN NEW ORLEANS YESTERDAY, HE WANTED TO PASS ON INFO TO THE EFFECT THAT FERRIE WAS THE ^{ALL INFO} PERSONAL PILOT FOR VINCENT MARCELLA.

DELA PARRA STATED THAT HE, HIMSELF IS ALSO A HORSE TRAINER AND USED TO TAKE CARE OF ONE OF VINCENT MARCELLA'S HORSES.

VINCENT USED TO TAKE SEVERAL TRIPS BY PLANE TO DALLAS.

DELA PARRA ADDED THAT BEN TRAEGL KNEW LEE HARVEY OSWALD VERY WELL.

MAIL COPY TO DALLAS.

LHM FOLLOWS.

~~CORR PAGE 2 LINE 15 SH BE BEN TRAEGL~~

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CC - ROSEN

MILLER INSURANCE AGENCY

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February 20, 1967

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigating
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For sometime we have been debating whether or not to write this letter. We, my wife and I, have always had the very highest personal respect for you and your unwavering ability to guide the F.B.I. to the very pinnacle of respectability, courage and truthfulness.

What puzzles us, is that on November 25, 1966 you were quoted in the A. P. wire service as follows:--"Not one shred of evidence has developed to link any other person in a conspiracy with Oswald to assassinate President Kennedy." We personally feel that this must have been a mis-quote, or if true that some pressure has been brought bear, or has been taken out of context.

In any event, is there an answer to the following? According to Dr. Malcolm Perry, attending surgeon and Dr. Kern Clark, chief of neurosurgery at Parkland Hospital when giving more details later that same afternoon said "Mr. Kennedy was hit by a bullet in the throat, just below the adam's apple. This wound had the appearance of a bullet's entry." A tracheotomy was performed through this hole. A gaping wound was in evidence in Mr. Kennedy's back. Now, if Drs. Perry and Clark were correct, how did a bullet from Oswald's gun make a "U" turn into Mr. Kennedy's throat? Oswald was behind the President's car and in order to be hit in the throat by Oswald, he would have had to be on his knees in the car seat looking to the rear. Video tape does not reveal this to be the case. This is but one of scores of inconsistencies given to the people of the United States in the "Warren Report." However, our main concern is not to determine the veracity of the "Warren Report" and or its supporters, but to dispell any question as to what you actually said as is quoted above in the A.P. dispatch in the Burlington Hawk-Eye, November 25, 1966, page 1.

Thanking you for your kind and personal attention, I remain,

Sincerely,

Harry W. Miller Jr.

I am so proud that my nephew, Robert James Williams, in Berkeley, California has the opportunity to work under the inspiring leadership of your organization.

Mrs. Mary J. Miller

*in Berkeley, California
inspiring leadership of your organization.*

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H.W. Miller
ENCLOSURE*

Oswald Was By Himself Says Hoover

WASHINGTON (AP)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said today all available evidence indicates that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"Not one shred of evidence has been developed to link any other person in a conspiracy with Oswald or assassinate President Kennedy," Hoover said in a statement.

A number of books, articles and statements recently have raised questions about the validity of the findings of the Warren Commission, which named Oswald as the assassin and said he acted alone. The FBI follows over all its own findings of the commission.

'Ignore Facts'

Hoover said that although the critics have every right to state their views, they "should show more regard for the facts on record." They have ignored certain facts, misinterpreted others, and expressed pure speculation as truth. The statement was requested by the Washington Evening Star and later was made available to other news media.

He said that some of the charges, among other things, there is a conflict between portions of two FBI reports and the official autopsy report regarding the wounds on Kennedy's body.

Hoover said "while there is a

difference in the information reported by the FBI and the information contained in the autopsy report concerning the wounds, there is no conflict."

Oral Statements

Hoover said the FBI reports record oral statements made by autopsy physicians before all the facts were known. The ultimate findings of the examination, he said, are contained in the autopsy report.

Hoover said two FBI agents were present at Bethesda Naval Hospital when the autopsy was performed Nov. 22, 1963.

The agents reported that Dr. James J. Humes, chief autopsy surgeon, "located what appeared to be a bullet hole in the back below the shoulder and probed it to the end of the opening with a finger. The examining physicians were unable to explain why they could find no bullet or point of exit."

Traced Bullet Path

Hoover said that unknown to the agents the physicians eventually were able to trace the path of the bullet through the body.

The morning following the assassination, Hoover said, Humes contacted physicians who had examined Kennedy at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Tex., the previous day. They confirmed Humes' assumption that a tracheotomy had been performed using a bullet hole as the point of incision.

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Mr. Harry W. Miller, Jr.
Miller Insurance Agency
308 South Ninth
Burlington, Iowa 52601

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have received your letter of February 20th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for the generous comments you expressed regarding my work.

In response to your inquiry, the statement attributed to me is accurately quoted, and I am sending you a copy of my remarks concerning this matter. I trust this will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)

Press release 11-25-66 Re Warren Commission
Statement of 11-23-66 on same topic

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with Harry W. Miller, Mary J. Miller. SA R. James Williams is assigned to the San Francisco Office as a Resident Agent at Oakland, California.

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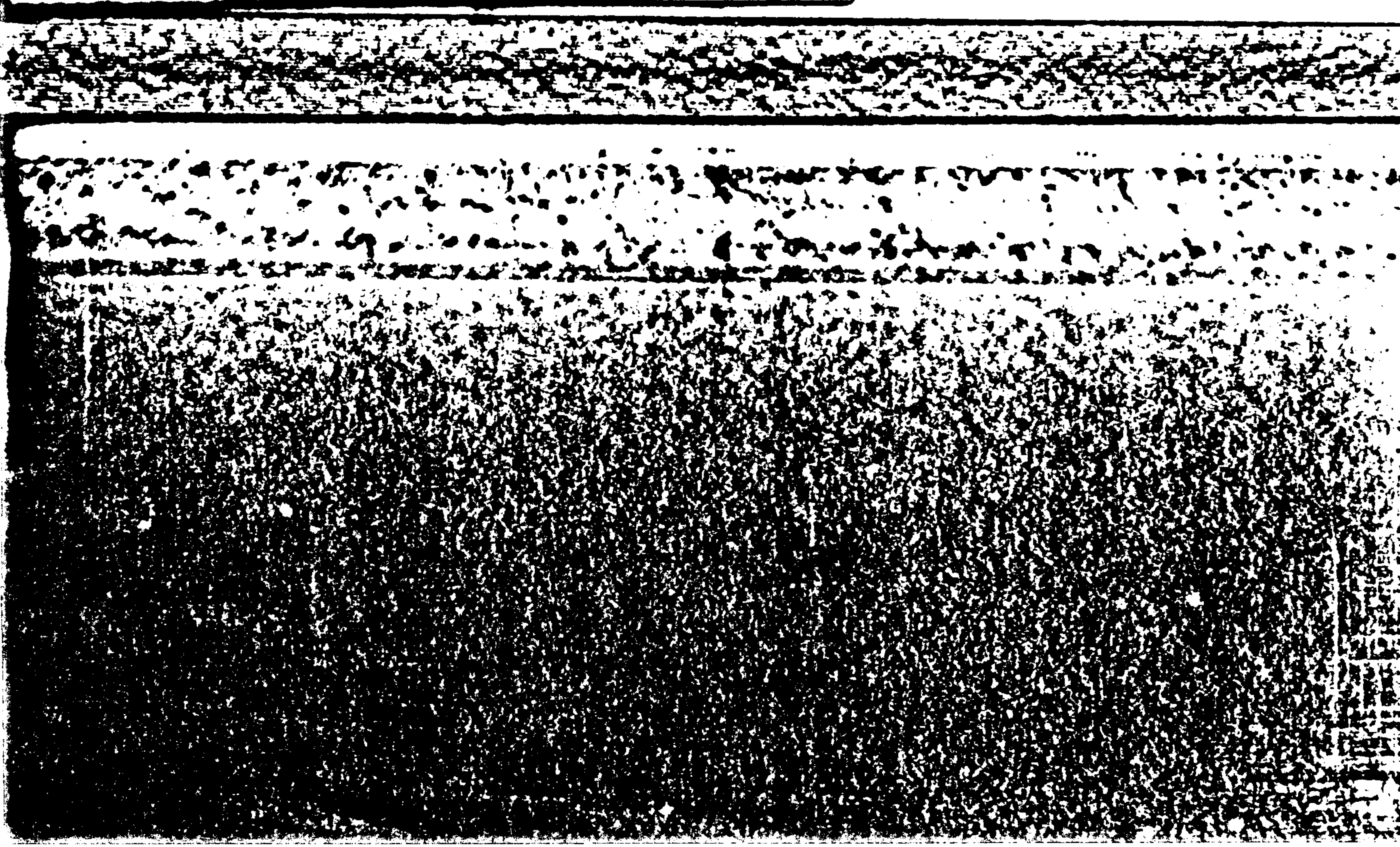
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- MISS SANDY

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : W. A. Branigan

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

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- DATE: 2/21/67
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Branigan

Assistant Attorney General Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr., Civil Division, Department of Justice, called the Bureau at 5:35 p.m., February 20, 1967, and made reference to an article in the "Washington Daily News" for February 20, 1967. According to this article, David Lewis, a bus station express handler who worked as a private investigator in New Orleans in the months before the assassination, claimed to have the names of five persons allegedly involved in the planning phase of the plot on President Kennedy's life. Mr. Sanders requested that he be furnished information in Bureau files that can be identified with David Lewis.

Our files disclose that James S. Martin, a private investigator in New Orleans who reportedly is a mental case and who was a psychiatric patient in a New Orleans hospital in 1956-1957, informed our Dallas Office on January 13, 1967, that the District Attorney's Office had interviewed David Lewis in connection with the assassination. According to Martin, Lewis claimed to have met Lee Harvey Oswald while working for former SAC W. Guy Banister in New Orleans, at which time Mr. Banister was a private investigator. Martin claimed Oswald was in contact with two Cuban nationals at the time Lewis met Oswald.



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Memorandum Branigan to Sullivan
Re: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
62-109090

[REDACTED]

On February [REDACTED] 1967, our informant advised he learned that Lewis had been interviewed by investigators of the District Attorney's Office in New Orleans and had identified Raul Torres, Sergio Arcacha Smith and Carlos Quiroga as individuals under suspicion by the District Attorney's Office as being involved in the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

[REDACTED]

Carlos Quiroga is a Cuban refugee in New Orleans who volunteered information to our New Orleans Office on November 27, 1963, reporting he had become aware of Oswald's activities in New Orleans in August, 1963, at which time Oswald was passing out Fair Play for Cuba Committee literature. Quiroga stated he contacted Oswald to determine the extent of his pro-Castro activities and had reported such contacts to the New Orleans Police Department. We have received no evidence that Carlos Quiroga is involved in the assassination of President Kennedy.

ACTION:

Attached is a letter to Assistant Attorney General Sanders furnishing him with a copy of our memorandum concerning the involvement of Lewis in the assassination and the investigation being conducted by the District Attorney's Office in New Orleans and other items mentioned herein which give an insight into the type of investigation being conducted by District Attorney Garrison. A copy of our memorandum is being disseminated by separate communications to the White House, the Acting Attorney General and the Secret Service.

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Date: 2/23/67

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (62-1827) (RUC)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Buffalo

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original and five (5) copies of a self-explanatory Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) reflecting information furnished on 2/23/67 by [redacted] Corning, New York, to SA ROBERT W. BUCHER.

Enclosed herewith for the information of the Memphis and New Orleans Divisions is one (1) copy each of the above described LHM.

[redacted] advised that he desired any information in his possession to be brought to the attention of the State District Attorney in New Orleans, Louisiana, for its possible value in connection with the investigation being conducted by him concerning the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY. [redacted] advised that he planned to notify the District Attorney in New Orleans, Louisiana, of this information by other means.

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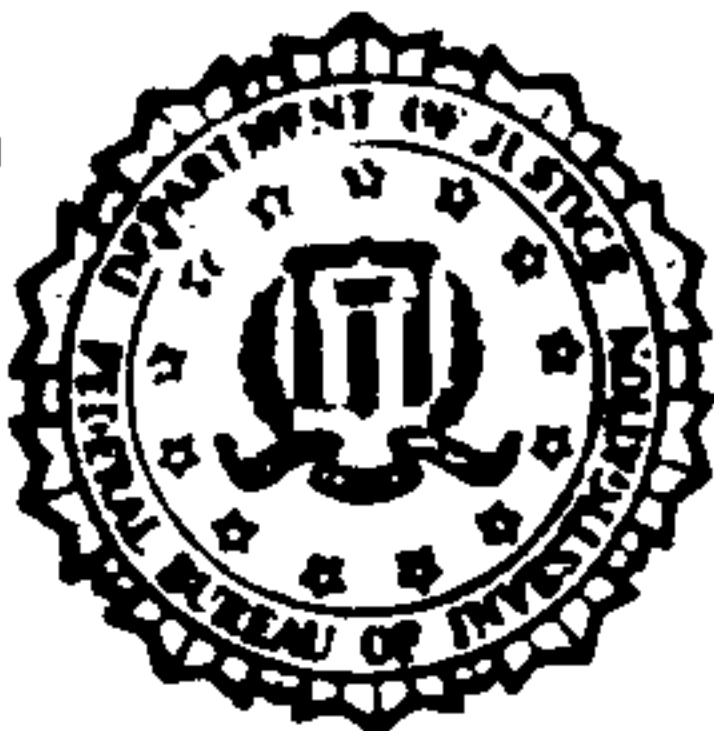
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Buffalo, New York
February 23, 1967

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS
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On February 23, 1967, [redacted]
[redacted] Corning, New York, furnished the following
information:

At approximately 8:00 PM one evening in late
October or early November 1962, he was arrested in Pulaski,
Tennessee, and charged with possession of illegal liquor and
public intoxication. He paid a \$50.00 bond after remaining
incarcerated in Pulaski for several hours. He was released
in time to catch a midnight bus from Pulaski, Tennessee to
New Orleans, Louisiana.

He arrived in New Orleans the following day,
believed to be a Monday, and went out drinking by himself in
the French Quarter that evening. He had checked into a low
rent hotel in the French Quarter whose name sounded something
like Statler. After drinking all evening and having slept in
an unknown bar in the French Quarter for several hours on that
evening, he went into a shabby, dark and low class bar located
about two or three blocks from his hotel and the same distance
from the U.S. Customs House in the New Orleans French Quarter.
It was approximately 3:00 to 4:00 AM the following morning when
he entered this bar.

He sat at the bar next to a white female, age 25 to
30 years, 5'3" to 5'5", who was wearing a blue uniform and hat
which he thought at the time probably was a U.S. Navy or
U.S. Coast Guard uniform but upon further reflection has
decided it could have been a commercial airline stewardess'
uniform. This woman was with two white males who were sitting
near her at the bar. Both of these men were dark haired,
dressed in casual civilian clothes and were 5'8" to 6'1" in
height.

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS
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He heard the woman make the statement "Someone ought to kill the SOB," and one of the white males replied "We've been thinking of killing him." [REDACTED] thought that this woman was mad at her husband or boy friend and interjected himself into their conversation by asking her if she was referring to "her old man." She replied "No, I am talking about that god damn Kennedy." [REDACTED] asked her if she was referring to the President and she replied that she certainly was. The woman and her two male companions continued their conversation in lower tones from that point on and [REDACTED] did not overhear anymore of their conversation. The woman and her companions did not appear intoxicated to [REDACTED]

Shortly after this exchange of conversation, [REDACTED] left the bar and the woman and her two companions followed him out. [REDACTED] started walking up the block and noted the woman and her two companions getting into a large two tone blue 1956 Buick and drive away in the opposite direction than he was going. [REDACTED] walked around the block and as he entered a bar a block away from the original bar, he noted the woman and her companions pass by in the aforementioned Buick. Thinking that he might have been followed because of what he had overheard them saying, he went to the U.S. Customs House located nearby and called to a Customs Agent from a telephone in the lobby of this building. Shortly after telling part of his story to a Customs Agent on the telephone, two Customs Agents came into the lobby and took him upstairs. He spent approximately 20 minutes relating the aforementioned facts to the Customs Agents at the U.S. Customs House in the French Quarter of New Orleans but he does not believe that these men gave his story any credence as he had been drinking quite heavily at the time.

[REDACTED] had been planning to seek a berth as an ordinary seaman in New Orleans but because of this incident and his desire to "get off the streets," he returned instead to his home in Columbia, Tennessee.

[REDACTED] advised that upon returning to his home, he mentioned this incident to his parents. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Columbia, Tennessee. He advised that

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following the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY in Dallas, Texas, the following year he also told of this incident in New Orleans to a neighbor of his parents, [REDACTED] Columbia, Tennessee.

[REDACTED] advised that there is a possibility that he might be able to identify the woman he had seen at the bar in the French Quarter of New Orleans four and one half years ago but that he did not get a good enough look at her two male companions to ever recognize them again.

[REDACTED] by his own admissions, has been a heavy drinker for several years and has done considerable traveling throughout the United States. [REDACTED] admitted that on the occasion in question in New Orleans, he had been drinking quite heavily for a period of several hours.

[REDACTED] furnished the following physical description of himself:

Name	[REDACTED]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Citizenship	American
Age	29
Date of Birth	[REDACTED]
Place of Birth	Columbia, Tennessee
Height	6'1"
Weight	155 pounds
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Education	High school graduate
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Military Service	United States Navy July 9, 1956 to August 9, 1956 (Medical discharge due to eye condition)
Employment	B and C Factory Corning Glass Works Corning, New York Since September 8, 1965

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JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS
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Residence


Corning, New York

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9-46BMPST URGENT 2/24/67 CRW
TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND DALLAS (89-43)
FROM SAN FRANCISCO (89-58)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, SIXTYTHREE, DALLAS, TEXAS, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

[REDACTED] SACRAMENTO BEE
 NEWSPAPER, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED TODAY HE RECEIVED LETTER
 FROM [REDACTED] KING FEATURES SYNDICATE WRITER FOR BEE
 WHICH, IN PART, STATED, "WHEN I WAS DOWN IN FT. WORTH-DALLAS
 IN LATE JANUARY A YOUNG COLLEGE SENIOR TOLD ME THAT MR. CALL
 (I BELIEVE THAT'S THE NAME), OWNER OF MANY NIGHT CLUBS IN
 DALLAS, - SOME CRUDDY, SOME HIGH CLASS, - TOLD HIM IN SEPTEMBER
 BEFORE THE MURDER THAT A COUPLE OF CHARACTERS APPROACHED HIM
 AND ASKED IF HE KNEW ANYONE WHOULD KILL THE PRESIDENT FOR
 TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. HE SAID "NO." [REDACTED] WENT ON TO SAY
 STUDENT TRUSTWORTHY AND DOES NOT FABRICATE.

[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED FEBRUARY TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, IDENTIFIED
STUDENT AS [REDACTED] TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, [REDACTED]

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VISITER PROFESSOR [REDACTED] SAME COLLEGE. IN JANUARY, SIXTYSEVEN AND MET LARGEN THROUGH HIM. IN CONVERSATION AWAY FROM [REDACTED] [REDACTED] RELATED STORY TO [REDACTED]. SHE STATED NAME CALL IN PHONETIC BUT HE REPORTEDLY OWNS SEVERAL NIGHT CLUBS.

NEITHER [REDACTED] PLANS TO GIVE PUBLICITY TO STORY. SHE REQUESTED THAT HER IDENTITY AS SOURCE BE REVEALED TO [REDACTED] ONLY IF NECESSARY.

AIRTEL WITH DETAILS OF [REDACTED] LETTER FOLLOWS.

DALLAS UPON RECEIPT OF AIRTEL INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

ANY DISSEMINATION OF THIS INFO WILL BE LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF BUREAU AND DALLAS.

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1142AM URGENT 2-24-67 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (62-109060) AND NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

FROM DALLAS (89-43) 2P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEX.,

NOV. TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, MISC. - INFORMATION CONCERNING.

OO DALLAS.

RE PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING INVESTIGATION AT NEW ORLEANS BY ^{DISTRICT ATTORNEY} D.A. JAMES GARRISON.

SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH, RESIDENCE NINE NINE ONE FIVE DONEGAL DRIVE, EMPLOYMENT FRIGIKING CO., ON ZERO EIGHT FIVE EIGHT HARRY HINES BLVD., BOTH DALLAS, A CUBAN REFUGEE, ADVISED THIS OFFICE NIGHT OF FEB.

TWENTYTHREE LAST HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY JIM ALCOCK OF GARRISON'S STAFF IN NEW ORLEANS. ALCOCK HAS REQUESTED

ARCACHA TO COME TO NEW ORLEANS FOR INTERVIEW BY GARRISON'S STAFF, EXPENSES BEING PAID BY DA OFFICE, BUT ARCACHA HAS REQUESTED TO BE

INTERVIEWED IN DALLAS AS HE DOES NOT WISH TO TAKE TIME OFF FROM WORK

ARCACHA VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED BY CARLOS BRINGUIER THAT GARRISON WAS SEEKING TO LOCATE HIM FOR INTERVIEW

ARCACHA VOLUNTEERED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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BUT DID KNOW DAVID FERRIE WHEN HE HAD RESIDED IN NEW ORLEANS OVER
THREE YEARS AGO. ARCACHA ADVISED HE HAS RESIDED IN DALLAS FOR
APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS.

ARCACHA SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS
INVESTIGATION BUT WOULD SUBMIT TO AN INTERVIEW BY A LEGAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT BODY. HE HAS MEANWHILE TOLD ALL NEWS MEDIA THAT HE HAS
NO COMMENT ON THE MATTER. ARCACHA STATED HE WOULD ADVISE OF
FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS THIS MATTER.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2-24-67

We have previously reported that [redacted] was advised that David Lewis has told informant that Sergio Arcacha Smith, Cuban refugee, is one of the individuals under suspicion by District Attorney Garrison as being involved in conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. We have found no evidence to indicate Smith ever knew Lee Harvey Oswald or was involved in the assassination.

ACTION:

For information.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEW ORLEANS (89-69) 1P

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,

DALLAS TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, MISC.INFO

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RE NO TEL THIS DATE.

MRS. PAULA MARTIN, WIFE OF JACK S. MARTIN SR., TRUE NAME EDWARD STEWART SUGGS, CALLED TO ADVISE THAT HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN MENTIONED ON A NATIONAL NEWS BROADCAST WHICH WAS A VICIOUS ATTACK TO HIS CHARACTER.

MRS. MARTIN ADVISED SHE DID NOT HEAR THE BROADCAST BUT WAS TOLD BY A FRIEND AND COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE PROGRAM.

MRS. MARTIN ADVISED HER HUSBAND DISAPPEARED ON JAN. THIRTYONE NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND SHE DOES NOT KNOW HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. ADVISED HUSBAND HAS THE ABILITY TO QUOTE "LOSE HIMSELF WHEN HE WANTS TO" UNQUOTE.

MRS. MARTIN ADVISED THAT DAVID LEWIS CALLED TODAY AND TOLD HER THAT THE TV PROGRAM ARE QUOTE "SPLICING THEIR TAPES AS HE IS BEING INCORRECTLY QUOTED ON HIS INTERVIEWS." UNQUOTE.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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Date February 24, 1967

We have received reports from reliable sources that the individual who furnished information to New Orleans District Attorney Jim C. Garrison which set off Garrison's investigation is Jack S. Martin. Several associates of Martin consider him a mental case, and he has record on previous hospitalization for mental treatment in 1956-57. Attached teletype reports Martin's wife, Mrs. Paula Martin, contacted New Orleans Office 2/23/67 and reported Martin disappeared on 1/31/67.

It is noted that on 1/27/67 Martin contacted our New Orleans Office and demanded the FBI stop the New Orleans District Attorney's Office from "harassing him."

David Lewis mentioned in the attached teletype is the individual who told the press several days ago that he had furnished names of five individuals involved in the assassination plot to District Attorney Garrison.

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Enclosed for the Bureau, Dallas and Miami are newspaper articles appearing in New Orleans newspapers concerning the investigation being conducted by the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office concerning the assassination of President JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY.

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ENCLOSURE

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The Orleans Parish district attorney's office has launched an intensive investigation into the circumstances surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The States-Item has learned that the DA's office is pouring out-of-the-ordinary sums of money into a probe of a possible assassination plot.

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison refused to confirm or deny the existence of such an investigation or to discuss information received by the States-Item.

Several weeks ago, however, First Asst. Dist. Atty. Charles Ray Ward confirmed that such an investigation was in progress. He said at the time that he did not have much hope that the investigation would uncover any new information, but stressed that even the most routine leads must be checked out in a matter as important as a presidential murder.

SINCE THE EARLY CONVERSATION WITH WARD, the investigation apparently has picked up momentum.

Trial assistants and investigators assigned to the DA have spent more than \$8,000 on unexplained travel and "investigative expenses" in the period since Nov. 25, 1966.

Most of this money was spent in connection with trips to Dallas, Houston, Miami, Washington, San Francisco and Angola, and most of it was spent during January.

The only explanation given on records of the City Finance Department and Criminal District Court is that these sums of money were spent for a "special investigation by the district attorney."

A check of records revealed that these are not run-of-the-mill investigative expenses. Similar large sums were not spent in the same months of the two previous years.

THE POSSIBILITY OF A WELL-ORGANIZED assassination plot in which New Orleans and New Orleans residents were somehow directly involved is said to be at the center of the investigation.

The Warren Report, issued following a federal investigation into President Kennedy's death, stated there was no evidence to indicate the existence of a plot. Mr. Kennedy's death came about as the sole result of the thoughts and actions of one man—Lee Harvey Oswald.

The local investigation, which began prior to the death

of Jack Ruby, slayer of Oswald, is believed to have started with a routine check of information supplied to the district attorney's office by a New Orleans private detective.

The detective reportedly gave the district attorney a list of names of people who should be questioned.

Since that time the States-Item has uncovered several facts, including the unexplained expenditures, which indicate the investigation is more than a routine check.

These facts are as follows:

—A MAN WHO WAS ARRESTED IN NEW ORLEANS and booked as a fugitive from Texas Nov. 26, 1963, just four days after Kennedy's murder, was kept under surveillance for the district attorney for a 24-hour period

(The information for this story was compiled by States-Item staff writers Jack Dempsey, Rosemary James and David Snyder.)

last month. The man was to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in January. It is not known whether he subsequently appeared before the jury or gave the district attorney a statement.

—A 26-year-old Cuban man serving a nine-year sentence for a burglary committed in 1964 in New Orleans, has been transferred from Angola State Penitentiary to Parish Prison by the DA's office.

He formerly lived at 5008 Magazine, just a block from

the last New Orleans address of Oswald, 4907 Magazine. He is reported to have known Oswald.

—A second Cuban with a Miami address was paid money by the DA's office for "investigative expense" in January.

OSWALD WAS A PRO-CASTRO AGITATOR while in New Orleans the summer before President Kennedy's death and claimed he represented the pro-Castro "Fair Play for Cuba" movement. Oswald also was involved in a scuffle here with anti-Castro Cubans about the same time. They claimed he was trying to "infiltrate" their organization.

—A number of people have given statements to the DA's office in connection with this investigation.

Reports that members of Garrison's staff have traveled to a number of places outside the continental United States in connection with this investigation have not been confirmed by expense records.

Other expenses for the "special investigation" are as follows:

- Nov. 25, 1966: \$993, Louis Ivon, trip to San Francisco.
- Dec. 2; \$64.90 John Volz, expenses on trip to Miami.
- Dec. 15; \$500, John Volz, investigative expenses.
- Dec. 28; \$425.60, travel to Chicago.
- Dec. 29; \$605.99, travel to Cincinnati.
- Jan. 4, 1967: \$175.03 James Alcock, trip to Houston.
- Jan. 4: \$21.00 Detectives Ken Sierra, Robert Nevate and Charles J. [unclear] trip to Miami.
- Jan. 5: \$64.75 Thomas Duff, trip to Miami.
- Jan. 6; \$427, Lester Otilio, trip to Miami.
- Jan. 12; \$133, John P. Volz, trip to Dallas.
- Jan. 13; \$131.05, Southern Research Company (private detectives), expenses.
- Jan. 13; \$114.90, trip to Laurel, Miss.
- Jan. 18; \$200, pay Frank Meloche for expenses of returning Detectives Doug Ward and Lester Otilio to New Orleans from Miami.
- Jan. 18; \$41.25, Airtaxi, Inc., Belle Chasse, for plane charter.
- Jan. 19; \$160, James Alcock for trip to Miami and New York.
- Jan. 19; \$203, Louis Ivon, trip to Dallas and Washington.
- Jan. 19; \$500, Louis Ivon, investigative expenses.
- Jan. 20; \$598, Bernardo Torres of Miami, investigative expense.

Jan. 20; \$25, Louis Ivon, investigative expense.
 Jan. 20; \$9.14, Alvin Oser, trip to Slidell.
 Jan. 23; \$200, pay to Frank Meloche for additional expenses for Doug Ward and Lester Otilio in Miami.
 Jan. 27; \$17.80, Lynn Loisel and Charles Jonau, trip to Angola.
 Jan. 27; \$14.37, Fenner Sedgebeer, reimbursement for expenses over advance for Miami trip.
 Jan. 28; \$582, Fenner Sedgebeer, trip to Miami.
 Jan. 28; \$312, James Alcock and Louis Ivon, trip to Miami.
 Jan. 31; \$22.80, Clem Niedermier and Lynn Loisel, trip to Miami.
 Feb. 2; \$55.50, Andrew J. Schambra, investigative expense.
 Feb. 2; \$206.30, John Volz, trip to Dallas.
 Feb. 8; \$101.01, Russell W. Buckholt Jr., Florida Parole and Probation Commission, for travel to New Orleans.
 Feb. 9; \$100, Louis Ivon, investigative expense.
 Feb. 13; \$101.01, Russell W. Buckholt Jr., travel from Miami to New Orleans.

In addition to these expenses, court records show that former assistant DA Frank Klein was paid \$345 for "special counsel" for a "special investigation" by DA's office.



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DA WON'T CONFIRM JFK PLOT PROBE ON

Doesn't Have to Explain Trips, He Retorts

District Attorney Jim Garrison reacted tersely and somewhat profanely Friday to questions about an investigation by his office concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

All Garrison would say was that "it's very possible that such an investigation is being conducted."

It was learned later from a reliable source that the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New Orleans has been aware of the DA's probe for some weeks. The source would not comment further.

The usual suave district attorney bristled when questioned further, in particular about trips made by his investigators to several cities.

"I don't have to explain the trips to any newspaper," he said. "I will have members of my staff make trips anywhere, anytime, in connection with work I think is the duty of my office."

He then resorted to an unprintable phrase in telling a reporter what his editors and the newspapers could do about it.

CUT OFF SHORT

Garrison had told a reporter some weeks ago that his office was looking into the matter of Lee Harvey Oswald's activities while he had lived in New Orleans.

And earlier Friday, Garrison had told a second reporter it was possible that first Asst. Dist. Atty. Charles Ray Ward was handling such an investigation. It was when this reporter returned to question Garrison further that the district attorney cut him off in short fashion.

Several weeks ago Ward was quoted as saying an investigation was in progress, although he believed that little new information would be revealed.

The investigation received nationwide attention Friday when it was learned that the district attorney's office was spending thousands of dollars on the project.

The expenditures, totaling over \$8,000, indicated more than a routine check was being made.

Garrison said Friday that "so much goes on in my office" there could be an investigation going on of which he might not be aware.

RESIDENTS QUIZZED

However, it was learned Friday that at least two New Orleans residents who knew Oswald, while he was living here in 1963 have been interrogated in recent weeks by representatives from the district attorney's office. They included Charles LeBlanc, who worked with Oswald in a coffee plant on Magazine st., and Adrian Alba, a garage operator who befriended Oswald.

LeBlanc, still employed at the William B. Reily & Co., Inc., coffee enterprise, 640 Magazine st., said he was quizzed for about five minutes

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by a detective from Garrison's office. The interrogation took place about two weeks ago, he said, and consisted mainly of questions about Oswald's personality.

LeBlanc also was asked whether he saw Oswald in the company of others, to which LeBlanc replied no. LeBlanc said he knew Oswald and worked with him for three months in the summer of 1963—the length of Oswald's employment as an "oiler" at the coffee plant.

Alba, who operates the Crescent City Garage at 618 Magazine, said he was approached for questioning in mid-January by a detective from the DA's office. Alba quoted the detective as saying the interrogation was "Jim Garrison's project" and proceeded to question for about 30 minutes.

FELT SORRY FOR HIM

The detective told Alba that he mainly was interested in determining whether Oswald had any associates or friends who may have lunched with him or picked him up after working hours. Alba said he never saw anyone in Oswald's company, and, in fact, had befriended Oswald himself because he felt sorry for him.

Oswald had worked next door to the garage at 4907 Magazine.

In addition to the local interrogations, trial assistants and investigators assigned to the DA have taken several unexplained trips to Dallas, Miami, Houston, Washington, San Francisco, and Angola—all reportedly in connection with the investigation.

A check of records of the City Finance Department and Criminal District Court showed more than \$8,000 have been spent in the past three months for a "special investigation by the district attorney."

Besides the unexplained expenditures, several other happenings have occurred coincidentally in the past few days:

—Miguel Torres, a 26-year-old Cuban who formerly lived only a block from Oswald's last known New Orleans address, was returned Jan. 31 to the city from Angola State Penitentiary where he was serving a nine-year sentence for a burglary committed here in 1964. According to Orleans Criminal Sheriff Louis Heyd, the district attorney's office requested Torres be incarcerated at the parish pris-



JIM GARRISON
Launches probe.

on to testify in an upcoming trial of Moses Wiggins charged with simple robbery on Dec. 8, 1966.

CUBAN WAS PAID

—A man arrested in New Orleans as a Texas fugitive on Nov. 26, 1963 (four days after Kennedy's assassination) was kept under surveillance for the district attorney for a 24-hour period last month. He ostensibly was to appear before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, but it is not known whether he did.

—A second Cuban man with a Miami address was paid money by the DA's office in January, reportedly for investigative expenses.

Late Friday, it was learned that the Miami Herald quoted "high sources" as saying that New Orleans authorities were searching for a Cuban who lived in Miami. The newspaper said local, state and federal officials refused to talk, but said other sources reported Garrison's men had "looked through thousands of law enforcement photographs in visits to Miami."

The Herald said investigators have obtained a picture showing the hunted Cuban posing with Oswald and have made at least six trips to Miami since last Nov. 25. The newspaper said it was not known whether the Cuban still lived in Miami.

What allegedly sparked the local investigation is the possibility that a well-organized assassination plot involving New Orleans residents may have been hatched in 1963, prior to Oswald's departure for Dallas.

While in New Orleans, Oswald was a pro-Castro demonstrator and a member of the Fair Play for Cuba committee. During his stay here in the summer of 1963, he was involved in a scuffle with anti-Castro Cubans, who claimed he was trying to infiltrate their organization.

ROUTINE CHECK

The Warren Report, issued a year after Kennedy's death, said its investigation showed no existence of a plot and labeled Oswald as the lone participant in Kennedy's death. However, the local investigation began late last year, and is believed to have started with a routine check of information supplied to Garrison's office by a New Orleans private detective.

The detective allegedly gave the district attorney a list of names of people who should be questioned.

Carlos Bringuier, New Orleans delegate of the Cuban Student Directorate, who was involved in a scuffle with Oswald, said Friday he "would neither confirm nor deny" that he was contacted by the district attorney's office, but he hinted that he had by saying, "I'll be glad to speak to you after the district attorney speaks."

Asked if he had been pledged to secrecy, he said, "No, I can tell anything, but I still prefer to wait until the district attorney makes a statement."

PLOT BELIEVED

Asked if he was glad to see an investigation of the assassination, he said, "I'm glad to see any investigation that would bring out the truth."

Bringuier said he still feels strongly that there was a Castro plot behind the assassination of President Kennedy.

He also revealed for the first time that 15 days before the death of Jack Ruby, who shot and killed Oswald, Bringuier sent Ruby a telegram addressed to the Parkland Hospital in Dallas, asking for the privilege of questioning Ruby. Bringuier said he put in the telegram that he would only have one or two questions for Ruby.

According to Bringuier, he never received an answer one way or the other.

Asked what questions he wanted to ask Ruby, Bringuier said the first would have been, "Why did you give the best gift of all to the Communists by shooting Oswald?" The second question, he said, would have dealt with a man Ruby saw at least twice in Cuba. Bringuier said the man's name was Solomon Pratkins, but he did not explain the apparent connection between the two men.

ALWAYS ALONE

Bringuier said he also wanted to see Ruby face to face because he felt he was able to look at people and tell if they were telling the truth. "What puzzles me so much about Ruby is that if he was all the super-