Asked if he thought Oswald had any accomplices in New Orleans, Bringuier said he always saw Oswald alone. "If there was anyone in New Orleans who was involved in the plot with Oswald, he had better watch out, it looks like the district attorney means business," be remarked.

Oswald's landlady in New Orleans, Mrs. J. J. Garner, 4911 Magazine, said po one from the district attorpey's office had contacted her concerning any recent investigation.

"Don't tell me they're going to start that again," she said. MANY VISITORS

Mrs. Garner said she had had many visitors after the assas- Dec. 15; \$500, John Volz, in- Probation Commission, for sination and indicated she's had | vestigative expenses. enough. Her husband remarked Dec. 28; \$425.60, travel to Chi- Feb. 9; \$100, Louis Ivon, inthat "I'll always believe Oswald | cago. didn't do it alone." But he Dec. 29; \$605.99, travel to Cin-/ Feb. 13; \$101.01, Russell W. added that he definitely felt no cinnati. one from New Orleans had been | Jan. 4, 1967: \$175.03 James to New Orleans. allies with Oswald in a plot. | Alcock, trip to Houston.

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EXPENSES LISTED

Reports that members of Garrison's staff have traveled to a number of places outside the continental United States in connection with the investigation could not be confirmed by expense record here. However, the following expenses for the "special investigation" were found as follows:

Nov. 25, 1966: \$993, Louis Ivon, trip to San Francisco.

Dec. 2; \$64.90 John Volz, expenses on trip to Miami.



CHARLES RAY WARD Confirms probe in progress.

Jan. 6 \$ \$427, Lester Otillio, trip

Jan. 12; \$133, John P. Wolz, trip to Dallas.

Jan. 12; \$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 Otillio 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, in-

vestigative expense. Jan. 20; \$9.14, Alvin G to Slidell.

Jan. 23; \$200, pay to Frank Meloche for additional expenses for Doug Ward and Lester Otillio in Miami.

Jan. 127; \$17.80, Lynn Loisel and Charles Jonau, trip to Angola.

Jan. 27; \$14.37, Fenner Bedgebeer, reimbursement for expenses over advance for Mjami

Jan. 28; \$582, Fenner Sedge-

beer, trip to Miami.

Jan. 28; \$312, James Alcock and Louis Ivon, trip to Miami. Jan. 31; \$22.80, Clem Nieder-

mier and Lynn Loisell, trip to Miami.

Feb. 2; \$55.50, Andrew Schambra, investigative expense.

Feb. 2; \$206.30, John Volz, trip to Dallas.

Feb. 8; \$101.01, Russell W. Buckholt Jr., Florida Parole and travel to New Orleans.

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Lyed as Pilot Of 'Getaway' Craft--Flier

By ROSEMARY JAMES

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A New Orleans pilot has revealed to the States. Item that Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's chief investi-. gator said last month the DA's office has "posiDate:

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tively uncovered a plot in New Orleans to assassinate Kennedy."

David William Ferrie, who has a flying service here and is a part-time investigator, said Garrison and his staff are conducting an extensive investigation into the death of President John F. Kennedy and that he and some of his friends have been questioned by the DA's office.

Ferrie gave the States-Item details of why the district attorney's office became interested in him.

"Supposedly I have been pegged as the get-away pilot in an elaborate plot to kill Kennedy," he said.

Ferrie slew to Texas with two friends close to the time of the assassination.

HE CONTENDS, HOWEVER, THAT he did not go to Dallas.

Ferrie explained that in November of 1963 he was working as an investigator for New Orleans attorney G. Wray Gill, who was trying a federal court case involving Carlos Marcello.

Marcello and his brother Joseph were acquitted by a federal jury of charges that they conspired to defraud the government on the day President Kennedy-was murdered.

Ferrie says he was at the federal court here that day.

The jury's verdict came in at 3:20 p.m.

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Ferrie had done investigative work on the case for Gill, who was one of Marcello's attorneys.

HE SAID THAT AFTER THEY won the case, he and two friends decided to go to Texas on a pleasure trip.

It was a spur-of-the-moment decision, Ferrie claims.

"We went to Houston, Galveston and then back to Alexandria, La.," Ferrie said.

When he returned to New Orleans, Ferrie said, he called Gill to see what was going on and Gill informed him that the district attorney's office wanted to question him about the assassination.

FERRIE CLAIMS THAT WHILE HE WAS in Texas, 13 law officers, including Garrison and former assistant district attorney Frank Klein, broke into his home and carted off books, photographs, and some other personal belongings.

"They took a substantial amount of my property to

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DA Seeks JFK Route'

By ROSEMARY JAMES

The States-Item learned here today that District Attorney Jim Garrison and members of his staff were in Miami in January looking for a Cuban man described as physically powerful and dangerous.

the death of President John F. Kennedy. He is believed to be one of a group of Cubans who, according to a report under investigation, hid behind a billboard on the parade route in Dallas Nov. 23, 1963.

YESTERDAY, THE STATES-ITEM disclosed that Gar-

rison's office has launched an intensive investigation into the murder of Kennedy.

The investigation is reported to be centered about a possible assassination plot involving a person or persons in addition to the accused slayer, Lee Harvey Oswald.

Garrison has refused to confirm or deny the existence of such an investigation or to discuss any information received by The States-Item.

A RELIABLE SOURCE WHO REFUSES to be quoted in print told The States-Item that the Cuban sought by the

DA is believed to have fled the country—to Cuba, Puerto Rico or possibly the Bahamas—a few steps ahead of investigators, who combed the Miami area, and particularly the Cuban colony there.

It is known that the district attorney's investigation has ficiutied a trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The investigators who searched Miami inside and out for the Cuban were flashing his picture, taken on a New Orleans street while he was distributing "Fair Play for Cuba" pamphlets.

Tulane and Broad (location of the district attorney's office)," Ferrie said.

Ferrie said he gave Klein a "meliculous" accounting of his trip and then Klein had him booked as a fugitive from Texas. Ferrie said that he asked Gill to call the Philand the Secret Service.

lle said that he had interviews with both organizations and subsequent to these sessions was released by Klein.

Ferric recently was served with a subpena to appear before the Oricans Parish Grand Jury.

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"I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WIIAT IT was all about,"

When he showed up for the grand jury call, he said Ferrie said. he was intercepted at the door and asked to come up to

the office of First Asst. DA Charles Ray Ward. He was asked to go to Ward's office by chief investigator Louis Ivon, Ferrie said, led him to an office where John Volz, a trial assistant, was already waiting. Ferrie said Volz told him they wanted to ask him "a

Iew questions about 1963." According to Ferrie, he was asked to recount all of his activities in the week that President Kennedy was shot. Because he couldn't remember the events of that week, Ferrie asked if he could go to the FBI to get a copy of the statement he made immediately after the slaying.

FERRIE SAID THAT WAS THE LAST HE heard of the matter until "friends and acquaintances began calling me saying they had been questioned and, among other

things, questioned about me." Ferrie said he could not remember the exact date that he was questioned by the DA, only that it was in

Last month, Ferrie said, he called Ivon and was told November: 1957. that the office had "positively uncovered a plot in New

Orleans to assassinate Kennedy." Ferrie contends that the FBI became interested in him after a man by the name of Ed Voble of New Orleans saw Lee Harvey Oswald on television following the slaying and told a local television station that he served with Oswald in a Civil Air Patrol unit under Ferric.

ACTUALING FERRIE CLARMS, VOBLE was in the Moisant squadron and "I was in the Lakefront squadron."

Ferrie denies knowing Oswaid.

Asked if he thought Oswald had an accomplice, Ferrie, who has been looking into possible local tie-ins to the murder on his own, said, "I believe it would be fruitless to look for

Ferrie, who lists himself in the city director as a psyan accomplice." chologist, said, "My assessment of Oswald is that he would be incapable of conspiring because he would be incapable of continuerpersonal relationship, especially anything as

delicate as a conspiracy to kill."

ASKED ABOUT FURTHER INVESTIGATION, Ferrie "I think it's an utter waste of time."

The States-Item attempted to interview Miguel Torres, a 26-year-old Cuban who formerly lived only a block from Oswald's last known address. Torres is serving three concurrent nine-year terms for burglaries in New Orleans. He was sentenced in 1964.

Torres was removed from Angola state penitentiary Jan. 30 ostensibly for the purpose of testifying in a trial on a \$12 robbery case. The case was continued Jan. 31, but Torres has not been returned to Angola.

He is known to be connected with the DA's investi-

gation.

CRIMINAL SHERIFF LOUIS HEYD gave the States-Item permission to talk to Torres and Torres was advised

Torres, who appeared highly nervous, thought about it of his rights. for a moment and then declined to answer the questions.



GARRISON PREDICTS SUCCESS FOR PROBE

Convictions Will Result, He Declares

District Attorney Jim Garrison said Saturday that "arrests will be made, charges will be filed and convictions will be obtained" as a result of his intensive investigation of a New Orleans plot preceding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy Nov. 22, 1963.

During a news conference in his office, Garrison asserted that a plan was dèveloped here which resulted in Kennedy's death in Dallas. He said the investigation, which records show has been under way since late last year, has proven that the Warren Commission was wrong in its conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald meted alone in murdering the President.

The district attorney would not elaborate.

"We already have the names of the people in the initial planning," he told newsmen. "We are not wasting our time and we will prove it. Arrests will be made, charges will be filed and convictions will be obtained."

Garrison stated that the investigation, which has taken his investigators to several states and has thus far cost some \$8,000, was initiated last November when he "began looking into the question because Oswald had spent six months in New Orleans shortly before the assassination."

He added that the Warren Report had raised questions in his mind which prompted the intense probe. Initial leads uncovered other leads and the probe progressed, he said.

"We were making good progress until the publicity," said Garrison.

HITS NEWSPAPER

He sharpiscriticized the New Orleans States-Item, which first disclosed the probe in a copyrighted story, and The Times-Picayune, for revealing the investigation.

"The newspapers, in mentioning the names of people we have not charged or mentioned, are being very unfair to these individuals," he charged. Garrison said the life of at least one prisoner has been put in jeopardy because of the news reports.

Admitting that the Warren Commission was "composed of the highest type of men," Garrison then claimed that it "did not have sufficient evaluation machinery."

Contacted in Washington, U.S. Rep. Hale Boggs, a member of the Warren Commission, refused to comment on Garrison's charge that Oswald did not act alone in the assassination.

Commenting on facts thus far

uncovered by his investigators, Garrisce said much of the information is "interesting."

The States-Item said a 26year-old Cuban who formerly lived only a block from Oswald's last known New Orleans address, was brought from the state penitentiary at Angola to the prison Jan. 30.

The man, the account said, is said, is serving three concurrent nine-year terms for burg-; laries and "he is known to be connected with the DA's investigation."

ASKED ABOUT BOOK

son was asked about William ments included: Manchester's book, "Death of a President, in which the author says Oswald acted alone.

"Mancherter wasn't there at the assassination," said Garrison. "Neither was I, but my office has spent considerably more time investigating the assassination than Manchester did and it is my belief that man was wrong."

Questioned if he felt a new federal probe should be launched into the Kennedy assassination, Garrison replied, "There should be several concurrent investigations and the important thing is that the evidence should be evaluated."

The States-Rem said Garrison's office is seeking a "physically powerful and dangerous" Cuban man who "is believed to be one of a group of Cubans who reportedly hid behind a billboard on the parade route in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963."

Supposedly, the Cuban was photographed in New Orleans handing out "Fair Play for Cuba" pamphlets.

--- Garrison and some aides are supposed to have covered the Miami waterfront extensively looking for the Cuban. But he is now thought to have left the Date: country.

Miami area police were re-Author: ported to have believed that the Editor: cotics charge, unaware that he Title: ASSASSINATION OF is a suspect in the Kennedy PRESIDENT JOHN F. murder. Only Miami State Atty. KENNEDY 1/22/63 Richard Gerstein had been Character: taken into confidence by Garrison, according to The States-Item.

Later Saturday, there were submitting Office: N.O. numerous comments from officials and other persons con- Being lavestigeted cerned with the case from At a news conserence, Garri- throughout the nation. The com-

> In Washington, Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., who was a member of the Warren Com-. mission, said, "If the district; attorney has such information be should transmit it to the

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attorney general, whom I as- any indictments are to be isdiately to the President."

The Secret Service, the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, contacted in Washington, said there would be no comment. Likewise, comment was withheld by Chief Justice Earl Warren, who headed the Warren Commission, head of the Central Intelligence gency, who was a Warren Commission member.

"I know nothing of it," said Dulles. "I have no comment."

Although Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., who was also a commission member, was not available for comment, an aide indicated the senator had previously said be would not comment on any stories which might develop since the commission issued its report.

In Stamford, Conn., John J. icCloy, another commission member, said, "Let's see what his (Garrison's) evidence is. We who was trying a federal court slaying. are always aware that some case involving Carlos Marcello. evidence might turn up in this matter and we know that time About 3:20 p. m. Nov. 22, 1963 acquaintances began calling is a factor in the favor of some-1—the day of the assassination. one hunting such evidence."

"We did not say that Oswald go to Texas. he acted with anyone else."

He said the commission investigated Oswald's activities least at that time, didn't produce anything. Maybe someone will come forward some day with credible evidence of a conspiracy," he added.

In Detroit, Mich., Earl Ruby, 'ings." brother of Jack Ruby who killed Oswald, said he has never been contacted by New Orleans authorities.

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sume would transmit it imme- sued, they will not indict a dead man. So that leaves Jack Ruby out. I wish them all the success in the world."

"A BIG JOKE"

Meanwhile, David W. Ferrie, a pilot and sometime investigator, called the Garrison investi- intercepted and asked to come incapable of any interpersonal and Allen W. Dulles, former gation "a big joke." Ferrie to first Assistant District Attorsaid he has been pegged as the ney Charles R. Ward's office. get-away pilot in an elaborate plot to kill Kennedy.

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- ASKED QUESTIONS

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ASSESSES OSWALD

Listed in the city directory as a psychologist, Ferrie said, "My assessment of Oswald is that he would be incapable of conspiring because he would be relationship, especially anything as delicate as a conspiracy to kill."

Ferrie said he is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, but he has been living in New Orleans for 15 years.

Told that he will become a national celebrity now. Ferrie said, "What will being a mational celebrity get me? Thirty-five cents and being a national celebrity will get you a hamburger. I want to be left alone to my flying."

Ferrie said he had been Ill at his home for about three weeks with encephalitis.

When The Times-Picayune contacted Garrison Friday to ask him about the status of the investigation — or to confirm that one was going on—the district attorney hulled that he didn't have to account to the newspaper for trips by his attorneys. He accented this message with a profane sentence.

Records show that the district attorney's office has already spent more than \$8,000 on the investigation.



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Cuben Seys Weiren Report Will Crumble'

Does District Attorney Jim Garrison really have a solid; investigation brewing into an alleged New Orleans plot which led to the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas?

The world was waiting for an answer Sunday.

The 44-year-old district attorney Sunday reallirmed his state. ment of Saturday that arrests; will be made and that he feels. convictions will be obtained. However, he said "irtesponsible" publicity may hamper the probe's progress and endanger the lives of some.

ANSWER TO FORD

Replying to a statement made Saturday by Rep. Gerald R. Ford, R-Mich., that he should forward his findings to the U.S. attorney general who could then convey them on to President

Press Calls Pour From Over Globe

News offices of The Times-Picayune were besieged with calls Sunday from newspapers across the country and in Europe. Foreign correspondents based in New York and representing major newspapers in London and Paris said public interest in Europe had been considerably stirred by the New Orleans developments. Some of these reporters were being dispatched to New Orleans for on-the-scene news gathering.

Lyndon B. Johnson, Garrison commented:

tion, the the fresheid, but the attorney general.

"We are investigating a conspiracy which appeared to have occurred in New Orleans and they don't have a thing in the world to do with it. Now, if they want to belp me, I'll welcome their belp. But I'm not reporting to anybody."

He asserted that involvement with sederal officials would slow his probe.

A poll of six of the city's eight Criminal District Court judges Sunday night revealed that none had received arrest warrants issued by Garrison's office in connection with the investigation.

Judge Malcolm V. O'Hara and Judge Bernard J. Bagert were not available for comment.

Meanwhile, a press dispatch from Miami Sunday quoted a Cuban exile as admitting he has made several trips between Miami and New Orleans in connection with the Garrison probe.

The exile, 32-year-old Bermade Tores predicted that "The Warren Report and the FBI report (on the assassination) will crambbe when the investigation is released."

Torres, a private detective helped the Secret Service guard President Kennedy when the chief executive was in the Florida metropolis four days before his assassination on Nov. 22, 1963.

HELPED GUARD JFK

Torres said he was one of 10 Cubans who helped protect Kennedy in Miami, which has a. large Cuban colony. He claimed the Secret Service had asked trusted Cubans to spot suspicious Cubans, because it was "definitely expected" that an altempt wothing it wade on the President's life.

was not acquainted with them.

The photographs in question reportedly were taken in New Orleans shortly before the assassination.

Torres refused to discuss a report that Oswald had visited Miami to talk with Cubans. Nor would he talk about reports that some exiles - angry at Kennedy's failure to take action which might have saved the unsuccessful 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion -- were talking about. killing the President.

Torres was a member of the invasion brigade. He now is military coordinator of its veterans' organization, called Brigade **25**06.

'IN PUBLIC INTEREST'

Stressing that the Warren Report will be proved wrong. Torres said he was helping Garrison's investigation "in the public interest" without pay, receiving only expense money.

Garrison, alarmed by the public notice his investigation l has received, could not be contacted Sunday for any new developments in the case.

The district attorney had promised earlier that charges will be filed and convictions obtained against conspirators Author: who plotted Kennedy's assassi- Editor: nation in New Orleans and

which "culminated in what happened to Dallas."

Thus far, Gallison has not released any names of persons involved in the alleged conspiracy, although the district attorney admitted that a man's life has been placed in jeopardy because of widespread newspaper publicity.

Garrison's weekend revelations touched off a world-wide chain reaction. European periodicals were said to be treating the news discipantes as front page news.

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Garrison reluctantly confirmed Saturday that an intensive prope was in progress, but felt that public knowledge of the affair would endanger people's lives and throw cold water on his investigation activities. He would not elaborate.

Oswald, who lived in New Orleans a few months prior to the assassination, was a member of the pro-Castro Fair Play For Cuba Committee. As a result of his activities with the group, Oswald became involved in several controversies here, including a scuffle with an anti-Castro group while distributing pamphlets.

Several of Oswald's acquaintances in New Orleans have been questioned by the district attorney's office in recent weeks, obstensibly to find out if Oswald was ever seen in the company of certain persons. Those questioned include a coworker in a coffce plant on Magazine st., Oswald's landlady and a garage operator who befriended Oswald.

MOVED TO N.O. JAIL

Other developments in the Garrison probe involved a 26year-old Cuban, Miguel Torres (no relation to the Miami exile), who was serving a jail term at Angola State Penitentiary for burglary and who was transferred to the Orleans Parish prison last month by request of the district attorney.

Torres, who reportedly lived a block from Oswald's last known New Orleans address, has declined to be interviewed by the press. He remains in the parish jail.

Also mentioned in Garrison's probe was David W. Ferrie, a pilot and sometiment investigator, who was allegedly pegged as

the pilot of a getaway plane in a plot to kill itemedy.

Ruby, Oswald Presence Here Coincidence—Belli

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—Attorney Melvin.—Belli said Sunday it was just a co-incidence that Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald were in New Orleans at the same time.

Belli, who defended Ruby in his trial for the slaying of Oswald, said he believes there was no conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.

Ruby never knew Oswald, accused slayer of President Kennedy, and their presence in New Orleans "was a coincidence, it was absolutely incidence, it was absolutely incocent and there was nothing sinister about it," Belli said.

Jim Garrison, New Orleans district attorncy, has claimed that a conspiracy was hatched in New Orleans to kill Kennedy.

Belli told a meeting of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society, that he knew Ruby "had activity in New Orleans and with Cuba," but he was just trying to ingratiate himself with a wealthy Masia type who was involved in Las Vegas gambling activities."

He said this was typical of Ruby's efforts to be identified with the wealthy and the powerful.

I knew this tragic little figare as well as anyone. He was like the village idiot. He was tolerated everywhere," Belli said of Ruby.

Belli said he is convinced that the Warren Commission report tells the complete story of the Kennedy assassination and that the investigation in New Orleans is not going to show that Ruby knew Oswald.



Garrison to Prove Plot, Relations Chief Believes

Must Have Some Hot fice had questioned him in con-Leads, Says Fowler

By BOB USSERY

The director of International said. result of a plot.

"If he's gone to all the trou-up." ble of an investigation he must "It figures if you read the have some pretty hot leads," Warren Report. There are said Alberto Fowler, a Cuban things that could have been lookrefugee who was imprisoned in ed into a little mercarefully," Cuba after participating in the he said. Bay of Pigs invasion.

Another Cuban refugee, who is active in exile circles said that he agrees with Garrison "entirely" in the belief that the assassination was the result of plot.

Manuel Gil, New Orleans delegate to the Miami-based Movimiento Insurreccional de Revolucionaria Recuperacion (Insurrectional Movement of Revolutionary Recovery), asserted that "the hand of Castro was directly behind" the suspected plot.

Gil said there is a possibility of a conspiracy having been halched in New Orleans, and expressed the belief that Lee Harvey Oswald had other people working with him at the time of the assassination.

Fowler would not say whether Garrison or anyone from his of-

nection with the investigation. "I'd rather have Garrison answer that himself." Fowler

Relations for the city of New Fowler said Garrison is justi-Orleans expressed the belief fied in making the investigation Sunday night that District At-because "the press has been torney Jim Garrison will prove yelling conspiracy, and some of that the assassination of Presi-it could have happened in his dent John F. Kennedy was the back yard. I would have done the same thing just to clear it

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- Mr. Wick

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- Mr. J.R. Malley

- Mr. Branigan 1 - Mr. Raupach

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We have received a letter dated February 14, 1967, from Dr. Carlos Exinguier, a New Orleans, Louisiana, businessman alleging that the New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison is attempting to place the blame for the assassination of President Kennedy on a group of Cuban refugees in New Orleans. Dr. Bringuier requested that this Bureau direct a complete investigation of those 'who are spreading these false rumors." Dr. Bringuier is a Cuban refugee and outspoken opponent of Fidel Castro. He is the New Orleans delegate of the Cuban student directorate. During the course of our investigation of the assassination, we determined that Lee Harvey Oswald visited a 11.10 store managed by Dr. Bringuier on August 5, 1963. Oswald indicated an interest in joining Bringuier's group in their struggle against ! Fidel Castro.

On August 9, 1963, Bringuier saw Oswald pass out Fair Play for Cuba leaflets in New Orleans. Bringuier and Oswald got into a dispute which resulted in their arrest for disturbing the peace. Oswald pleaded guilty to the charge against him and · paid a \$10 fine.

On August 21, 1963, a New Orleans radio station arranged a debate between Oswald and Dr. Bringuier concerning Cuba. In the course of this debate, Oswald defended the Castro regime and discussed Marxism. Bringuier claimed that Oswald was, a communist.

ACTION: .

Attached for approval is a letter to Dr. Bringuier acknowledging receipt of his letter and advising that his letter was being brought to the attention of appropriate authorities.

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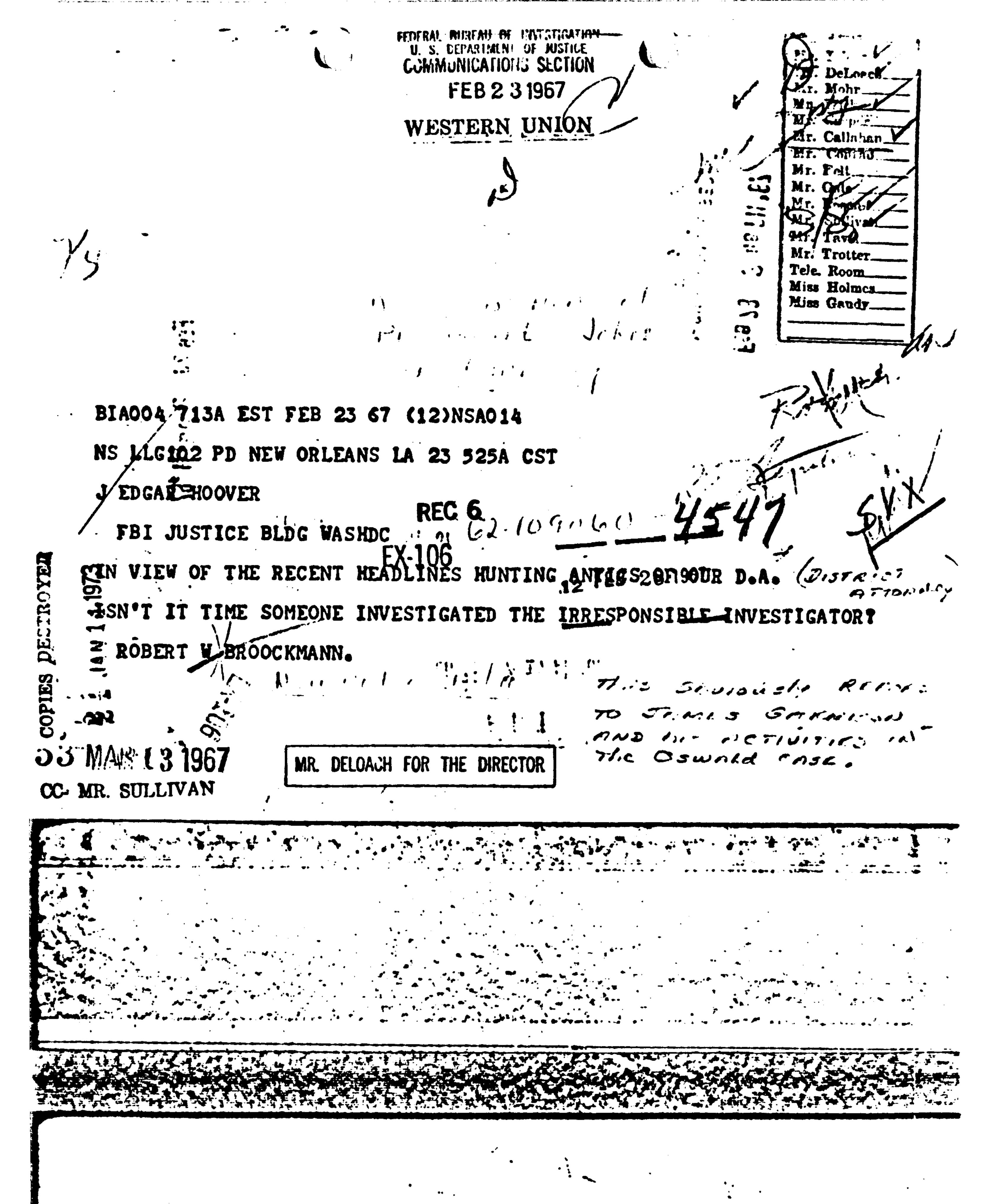
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UNITED STATES GUTERNMENT - Mr. DeLoach Memorandum - Mr. Wick - Mr. Rosen Conrad - Mr. Sullivan DATE: February 21, 1967 : Mr. W. C. Sullivan - Mr. Malley - Mr. Branigan FROM Mr. W. A. Branigan Mr. Raupach - Mr. Lenihan SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD NOVELIBER 22, 1963 DALLAS. TEXAS Re memorandum Branigan to Sullivan 2-21-67 reporting up-to-date developments in the investigation of District Attorney Jim Garrison concerning the assassination of President Kennedy as available to this Bureau. Re memorandum indicated Garrison's investigation allegedly initiated upon allegations of James S. Martin, a mental case. A copy of a letterhead memorandum and cover letter summarizing data we have received in captioned matter was · attached to referenced memorandum for dissemination to Assistant Attorney General Harold Barefoot Sanders, Jr., Civil Division, Department of Justice, in accordance with his request for information regarding David Lewis Who is involved in Garrison's investigation. We also indicated we were disseminating our letterhead memorandum to the White House, Acting Attorney General and Secret Service by separate communication. ACTION: Attached for approval are letters to the White House, The Acting Attorney General and the Director of the Secret Service enclosing a letterhead memorandum which sets forth data we have recently received concerning the investigation of District Attorney Garrison in New Orleans. Enclosures de 2/2/27 62-109060 1 - 105 - 82555 (Oswald) REL:gow (10)10 MAF 11 19671 59MAR 9 1967

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Reference is made to my prior memoranic which transmitted to you the names of persons who are not to be interviewed unicus compelling reasons dictate, in which event the matter ebould be celled to my altention.

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NOTE: Reference M. A. Jones to Wick memo dated 2-28-67 captioned: "James C. Garrison, District Attorney, Orleans Parish, New Orleans, Louisiana, Person Not To Be Contacted, "which advised that Garrison, who is conducting a so-called investigation regarding assassination of President T. Kennedy, has made several irresponsible and derogatory references to the Burcau, and has stated that he would arrest, handouf and expose to public scrutiny any Agent caught intruding in his investigation.

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February 28, 1967

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Dear Sir: Ke: Earl Warren, Chief Justice, U. S. Supreme Court

This letter is being written with the greatest reluctance and extreme hesitancy, since October, 1953, when I learned of the appointment of Earl Warren to the Office of Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. The information which I shall impart has been a closely kept secret since the year 1947, when I learned of it, to-wit:

During the campaign of Mr. Larren in which he was elected for a third term as Governor of the State of California there was a bill pending, or about to be introduced, before the State legislature, which proposed the placing of an additional tax on motor trucks. This piece of legislation was strongly opposed by the Teamster's Union in the State, and, they apparently being on very friendly terms with the Governor, approached him requesting that he veto the bill if and when it should be passed by the legislature. After negotiating for some time, the Governor agreed to veto the bill if it came before him for his signature; the consideration for which promise was the contribution to his current campaign for re-election of \$90,000 in cash, to which the Union agreed. The money was collected from union members as individuals, I understood, and no record or report made, thereof — unless someone made a secret record thereof. The bill finally did reach the Governor's dosk for signature; and he signed it.

The Union officials were highly incensed, but decided that to expose him in any way would cause them to lose face. The finally decided that they would try to get him out of the State, when he was nominated as a candidate for vice-President, in 1948. During that period I was a member of a local of an A. F. of L. International Union, representing a group of Los Angeles County office employees, and had occasion to associate with Teamster officials; and I noted that they supported Earl Marren for the nomination for President in their literature and public uttorances, but in private they were extremely hostile toward him. Upon inquiring from three officials of the Teamsters, on separate occasions, none of them being near each other during the conversation, I was informed of the circumstances related in the paragraph last above. I seem to recall the name of one of those mon as being a kr. Burns, who, I believe, was the Secretary of the particular organization to which they belonged; but I can't recall the names of the other two men. It is quite possible that they may now be retired, but they were well known among Union members.

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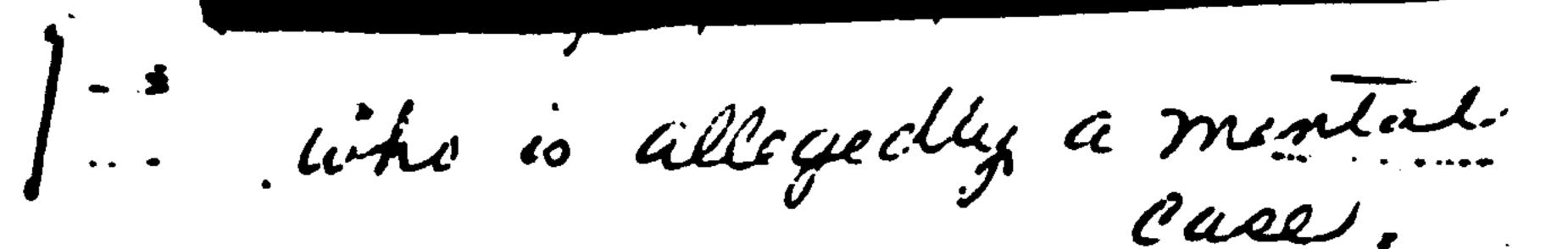
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however, apparently tried to protect Mr. Hoffa by failing to concur in the majority opinion of the court. And today I learn that Mr. Warren had left for South America prior to announcing the Supreme Court's decision. Also, I learn that Justice Clark is also about to leave the Court, by resignation, the reason for which I do not know

According to Section 800 of the California Penal Code, the statute of limitations has run for prosecution of a charge of bribery, unless the law has been recently amended. Newsvor, it would still be a basis for impeachment.

I am deeply concerned regarding the decisions in which Justice Marran has concurred relative to the easing of restrictions against the Communist Party. The circumstance that deepens my concern is my understanding that ever since his appointment to the Supreme Court he has spent all of his vacation time, except in 1964, in hussing I do not dare to state my suspicions, relative to the significance of these circumstances, in writing.

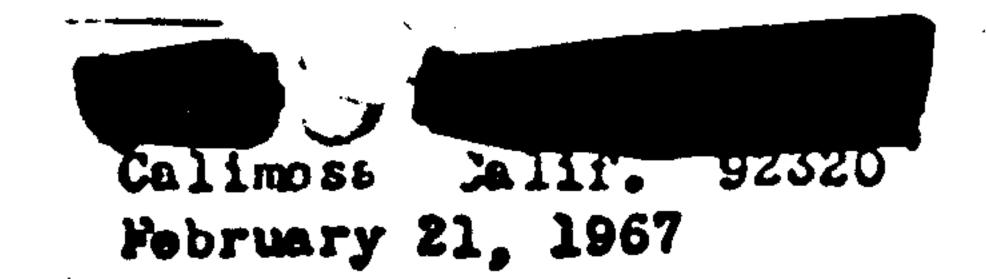
I have been a keen follower of the history of our Lation since pre-school days, my most poignant memory being the assassination of President William McKinley, when I was about 7 years old; and I have sadly, and almost hopelessly, noted the gradual subversion of our institutions by the infiltration of Communist principles. I have successfully combatted Communists and succeeded in having several of them ousted from Union Labor organizations, the source of information about their association still being undetected by them, Thus, I believe that I can understand their devious methods.

Communists have no honor, and no other principles than that of subversion of all the decent and honorable things in life, and I will always be the arch enemy of their machinations. I firmly believe that your agency is our lest line of defense against then; but I reluctantly express my fear that the P. B. I. is also being penetrated, judging from observations I have made within the past seven years. I continually pray that God may help us to finally eversome this vicious cancer, and that you will be the source of our victory. Thank you for the continuous protection that you have given our most confused nation.

I enclose my file on anoth r matter which I have taken up with your agency in Los Angeles. I finally received acknowledgement of my letter of Mebruary 21st from Mr. Lakue by telephone this afternoon.

Please do all you can to prevent the adoption of legislation establishing consult offices for Russia in this country. That will be the final link in their chain, of subversion, and it will then be too late.

Sincerely



District Director Federal Bureau of Investigation 1340 W. 6th Street Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Re: Assassination of Prosident John F. Kennedy

I have hesitated for many months to write this letter, but developments in New Orleans the past few days indicate to me that I might perhaps have some shred of information which could be a clue in the above matter.

In discussing the incident with a friend in Los Angeles more than a year ago, my friend told me that he had a strong feeling that the oil industry was involved; that he had studied the oil industry for many years, and that he had learned that President Kennedy was supposed to be intent on repealing provisions of the Income Tax Law which gave special dispensations to it.

His feelings corresponded to my experience, as indicated in the letters copies of which I enclose, to Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey and Kenneth Hahn, Los Angeles County Supervisor, Second Supervisorial District, Los Angeles, and I urge that you read them in their entirety. I hesitate very much to call these inferences (perhaps) to your attention.

I might add that occasionally I feel that my telephone line may be "bugged", although the local telephone company indicates that they cannot find any evidence thereof. However, I do know that it is possible to do so without contacting the telephone wires.

I did not learn the name of the purported New York newspaper reporter with whom I had the conversation mentioned in/my letter to Dr. Marshall (which is a part of my letter to the Vice-President), but you can probably trace him by diligent investigation and questioning among investment business circles on "Spring Street" in Los Angeles; which, again, might lead to identification of the oil company officials to whom he had reference in our conversation.

I do realize that my suspicions may not coincide with information in the possession of District Attorney James Garrison in New Orleans. But his information may not be correct -- of course mine might be useless, as well.

If you should think it advisable to send you of your investigators to interview me, I suggest that he familiarize himself with your file on me during the first part of the U.S. involvement in World War II. If he has the correct information he will be able to identify himself to me.

I have another matter which I feel is critically vital to the safety of our nation, about which I do not wish to write about at this time.

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Referring to my letter of February 21st, regarding the above subject.

I apologice for becoming so impotuous on February 23rd as to telephone by friend, Assistant Cheriff James F. Downey, and in our conversation I requested him to check with your office to ascertain whether or not my letter of the 21st had been received by your office. He promised no than that he would check with your office and call no back at 1:00 P. H., the next day; however, I have been writing at he a ever since for his call, which has not water! liked. I therefore assume that your office has instructed him not to communicate further with me concerning the matter.

Actually, the only thing about which I am concerned is the Inilure of your office to receive my letter, and if I were assured of jour office receiving it I would cause my efforts regarding this subject, as I know from must experience how efficiently the F. D. I. works.

Novever, there are so many almost unbolivable aspects and occurences involved that I cannot but be apprecionative, even us to my personal safety.

For instance: I hid my file of the correspondence which I directed to Smith Griswold, Chief of the A. P. C. D. in Los Angeles in 1957, following the imparable famus "Friday the 18th" under a bettom bureau drawer in my bedreen; and about a year or so later I found that it was missing. Which I add me to feel that someone may have entered my hous and removed it. My residence at that time was 4820 Greend A enue, Los Angeles; and in my correspondence I used the fictitious name of "the country" of the color may be a sent to joopardize my employment with los angeles County. I did not give my name to the two inciviousles with whom I had conversations regarding my correspondence; so they may not have hown my true name — it is possible that they may have recently called at the above address, which I believe is now occupied by a middle-aged negree man and wife. Checking with them might reveal the identy "To one or both of those individuals.

The attorney, Robert M. Bushmell, to whom I showed my letters before mailing them to A.P.C.D., died, I learn, on October 17, 1966, from a supposed coronary attack. I do not recall whether or not I gave him copies of any of them, but, if so, they might be found in some location at his home, 4541 Don Diego Drive, les Angeles, if his widow has not destroyed them.

All of the above, of course, may only be conjecture, and I give it to you for what it may be worth. If it is found to be erronous, I shall appreciate it if you will informant as soon as possible, so that I may set my mind at rest.

Yours very truly,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT Memoranduni Mr. Wick 2-2-67 "PLAYBOY" MAGAZINE ECT: FEBRUARY, 1967, ISSUE The current "Playboy" contains a lengthy interview of the notorious Mark Lane, author of "Rush to Judgment," a conscienceless -attack upon the Warren Commission and its conclusions concerning the - assassination of President Kennedy. A review of Lane's book was made on October 6, 1966, \ shortly after its issue, and the many false allegations he made about the Bureau and the Commission were refuted in detail. A copy is attached. The interview is a rehash of the scurrilous and irresponsible 1 charges he made concerning the Warren Commission's conclusions. It is replete with allusions indicating the FBI did not thoroughly investigate the assassination. He was questioned by the "Playboy" interviewer regarding the comment in his book that the Warren Commission "covered itself = with shame" and asked whether or not he was accusing the Commission of lying to the American people. He replied he did not care to say that the Commission lied, but "it did issue a false report." Many of the half-truths, irresponsible statements, and downright lies reflected in his book were repeated in the interview. It does not appear necessary to again analyze these charges. The current issue of "Playboy" magazine is enclosed.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information 199 APR 10 1967.

Enclosure

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