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Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (89-34) -RUC-

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS

(OO: DALLAS)

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 2/12/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Dallas are two and twenty-five copies, respectively, of a FD 302 reflecting the results of interview with PAUL FRANCIS DARGON.

No further action is contemplated by Richmond.

- (3) - Bureau (Encls. 2)
 - 2 - Dallas (89-43) (Encls. 25)
 - 1 - Richmond
- EPB/pfm
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2 ENCLOSURE

Approved: *[Signature]*
Special Agent in Charge

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PAUL FRANCIS DARGON, 2755 South Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, advised that he is a Transportation Specialist, GS-7, at the Bureau of Transportation, Railway Transportation Branch, Post Office Department, 12th and Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Mr. DARGON said that on the day President KENNEDY was shot, he had visited a Doctor ROUZER at the Veterans Administration Benefit Office, 22nd and Constitution Avenue Northwest, Washington, D. C., and that he definitely was not in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. DARGON advised that he has never been to Dallas, Texas and does not recall ever mentioning being in the Municipal Building in that city. He said all he knows about the shooting of President KENNEDY came from the press, radio and television.

Mr. DARGON said he has never told anyone he knew the President would be shot and that he had no recollection of talking about the President's death at Mount Alto Veterans Administration Hospital, Washington, D. C., on February 10, 1964; however, he frequently talked about the assassination and at the time he visited Mount Alto Hospital, February 10, 1964, he could have engaged in a conversation regarding the assassination.

Mr. DARGON said he probably, in discussing the matter, had said something about being at the Veterans Administration Benefit Office and later said "while I was down there", meaning down at the Veterans Administration Office, and this was taken to mean down there in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. DARGON said he had no personal knowledge of LEE OSWALD or JACK RUBY.

On 2/22/64 at Arlington, Virginia File # Richmond 89-34
Dallas 89-43
by SA E. PARKER BROWN:mfh Date dictated 2/25/64

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 2-10-64

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

THE DIRECTOR

February 10, 1964

N. P. CALLAHAN

THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

Original filed in:

The Congressional Record for Friday, February 7, 1964, has been reviewed and the following items contained therein have been noted for your attention.

SENATE

Fagos 2354-2358. Senator Bible, (D) Nevada, submitted several articles, editorials, etc., on the death of President Kennedy. An article from the Yerington (Nevada) Mason Valley News comments on the handling of the situation in Dallas and the murder of Lee Oswald. The article states "Equally as ridiculous was the announcement that as far as Dallas was concerned the case of Kennedy's assassination was closed. A presidential order to the FBI will continue the investigation until all available facts are known."

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 2-7-64 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

February 20 1964

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE:

FROM : Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division

SUBJECT : Letter from Joachim Joesten.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a letter received from subject individual.

Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE

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2-28-64
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to Belmont
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Dillon

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Memo to the Publisher concerning the book IMPOSSIBLE ASSASSIN

Early in December 1963, Germany's biggest publication, the illustrated weekly Der Stern (Hamburg), sent me to Dallas, Texas, for the purpose of conducting a thorough private investigation of the many suspicious circumstances surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy.

On the strength of exhaustive, carefully documented findings, which convinced me that Oswald was innocent and also provided me with valuable clues concerning the identity of the real assassins and their motives, I wrote a book of around 100,000 words in German ("Die Verschwörung von Dallas"), which is nearly completed. Excerpts from this book will shortly be published by Der Stern. Copies of the complete typescript will be available for reading around March 1, 1964.

In addition, I have also written a condensed version in English in the form of an eight-part series entitled IMPOSSIBLE ASSASSIN ("Why Lee H. Oswald Surely Was Innocent"). A copy of this typescript of about 15,000 words is also immediately available. This represents, in skeleton form, the first part of the book I am now engaged in writing in English.

Part II of the book will deal with the subject: OSWALD, SECRET AGENT. (Oswald was an intelligence agent who sorely botched his assignments in Russia as well as in Cuba. His stupid blunders sealed his own fate. On account of these secret service aspects, the Warren Commission will never bar the whole truth).

I have not yet made up my mind as to whether there should be a Part I on the background and the motives for the Kennedy assassination, or else a second volume devoted wholly to those matters. This question will have to be discussed with the publisher because of the libel angle. While the first two parts of the book can be written, and are being written, in such a manner that only Oswald's complete innocence is brought out, while no accusing finger is pointed as yet at any individual, Part III will call for some plain speaking and explicit accusations that may involve libel risks. (An alternative solution of this problem might be to condense the vast material I have on hand about the background and the motives for the assassination into one or two final chapters, without being too specific.)

About myself: I am an American citizen of German birth and a resident of New York City. Born at Cologne, Germany, in 1907, I came to the U.S. in 1941 and was naturalized in 1948. I have written (in German and in English) a total of 25 books, mostly on world affairs. Among the most recent are the following:

- Präsident Kennedy (Deutsche Verlagsanstalt, Stuttgart, November 1960)
- Nasser: The Rise to Power (Odham Press Ltd., London, 1960)
- The Red Hand (Robt. Hale Ltd., London, and Abelard-Schuman, New York, 1962)
- They Call It Intelligence (Abelard-Schuman, New York and London, 1963)
- Ölmächte im Wettstreit (August Lutzeyer Verlag, Baden-Baden, 1963)
- Onassis (Abelard-Schuman, New York, March 1964)
- The New Algeria (Follett Publishing Co., New York and Chicago, April 1964)
- Im Dienste des Misstrauens (Rütten & Loening Verlag, Munich, March 1964)

Notice to French publishers: You will find the gist of IMPOSSIBLE ASSASSIN in the January 9, 1964 issue of CANDIDE. A copy will be sent to you upon request.

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A.C.L.
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March 2, 1964

Airtel

To SAC, New York (100-20099) (Enc. 2)
Legat, Bonn (100-414) (Enc. 2)
Legat, Paris (Enc. 2)

From Director, FBI (62-109060) — 2501

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS

Enclosed for receiving offices are a copy of a letter from the Department of Justice dated 2/20/64 and an enclosed form-type letter from Joachim Joesten which is self-explanatory.

[Legat, Bonn, and New York have previous background data on Joesten.] New York should initiate efforts to locate Joesten and interview him relating to the allegations he made concerning the assassination of President Kennedy, specifically those statements which "convinced" him Oswald was innocent and also concerning his "valuable clues" relative to the identity of the "real assassins." Joesten travels extensively and his exact location is not known. Appropriate leads should be initiated to have this matter resolved at the earliest possible time.

The results of investigation should be reported in appropriate insert form and 25 copies furnished to Dallas. If it appears the information developed should be immediately disseminated, then it will be necessary to also prepare an appropriate letterhead memorandum for transmittal to the Bureau. No property stamp should be used on letterhead memoranda intended for the President's Commission. Appropriate reference to Joesten's letter to the Department of Justice and its referral to the FBI should be incorporated in the insert and letterhead memorandum to enable an intelligent evaluation by any outside agency.

MAR 2-1964

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1 - Dallas (89-43) (Enc. 2)
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1 - Bufile 100-37044 (Joachim Joesten)
1 - Foreign Liaison (route through for review)
NOTE: See A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont memo dated 2/28/64, same caption, RDR:vhm.

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Airtel to SAC, New York
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Bufiles contain numerous references to Joesten, including investigation entitled, "Joachim Franz Joesten, aka, IS - POLISH" - Bufile 100-37044, New York file/20199. This investigation originated in New York, in August, 1941, following receipt at the State Department of an anonymous communication sent from Stockholm, Sweden, alleging one Joachim Joesten was a communist. INS investigation in 1941 failed to produce any proof which would indicate Joesten was a communist.

Joesten was born 6/29/07 at Cologne, Germany, and was naturalized in June, 1943. He has traveled extensively throughout the world and has been employed as a correspondent for numerous foreign and American newspapers. He has written numerous books. At a citizenship hearing on 2/14/47 Joesten stated he considered himself a "left wing liberal" and indicated he may have adopted the communist party line in his youth as a means of fighting Nazis.

to In 1957 German authorities requested our Legat in Bonn/interview Joesten concerning some statements he made in a book which German authorities felt contained "invented narrations." The Bureau at this time did not feel that an interview of Joesten was advisable since there was no assurance he would be cooperative and further the book did not involve the Bureau or the U. S. Government.

Legat, Paris, should endeavor to obtain copy of 1/9/64 issue of "Candide" mentioned in Joesten's letter and submit same to Bureau with appropriate translation of article referred to. No current information on this publication could be located, therefore, if in possession of appropriate characterization, submit same.

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TO DIRECTOR /62-109060/ AND
NEW YORK /89-75/ VIA WASHINGTON
FROM NEWARK /62-3060/

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22,
1963, DALLAS, TEXAS. ^{Office of Origin} ~~00A~~ DALLAS.

ED BRENNAN, PART OWNER, GEM-LONG PLAYING RECORD COMPANY,
ONE ONE ONE NEW JERSEY RAILROAD AVENUE, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY,
ADVISED TODAY THAT [HIS COMPANY] MAKES ONE HUNDRED LONG PLAYING
RECORDS EACH WEEK FROM A MASTER RECORD FURNISHED BY JAY LEVY,

RADIO PULSEBEAT NEWS, TWO TWO TWO EAST FORTY SIXTH STREET,
NEW YORK CITY. THE MASTER RECORD IS GENERALLY RECEIVED ON
TUESDAY AND THE RECORDS ARE FURNISHED LEVY BY THE FOLLOWING
WEDNESDAY.

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RECORDS MADE FOR RADIO PULSEBEAT NEWS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY
TWENTY SIX LAST, HAD A NEWS ITEM ON SIDE A ITEM ONE WHICH
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"THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
IS SUPPRESSING INFORMATION IN THIS CASE. THERE IS NO
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QUESTION BUT THAT FBI AGENTS AND SECRET SERVICE AGENTS
HAVE ATTEMPTED TO HAVE WITNESSES CHANGE THEIR TESTIMONY.

THERE IS NO QUESTION BUT THAT THERE IS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT
BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FROM GETTING
ALL THE FACTS IN THIS MATTER. THERE ARE DOCUMENTS NOW IN

THE DALLAS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WHICH SHOW ALMOST
CONCLUSIVELY THAT OSWALD DID NOT FIRE A RIFLE ON NOVEMBER

TWO TWO, ONE NINE SIX THREE, THE DAY OF THE ASSASSINATION AND

THERE ARE AFFIDAVITS ON FILE AT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OF DALLAS WHICH SHOW THAT THE SHOTS CAME NOT FROM THE TEXAS BOOK

DEPOSITORY BUILDING WHERE IT IS ALLEGED THAT OSWALD WAS BUT

ACTUALLY FROM THE GRASSY KNOLL NEAR THE OVERPASS DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE

PRESIDENTIAL CAR NOT THE BOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING DIRECTLY TO

THE REAR OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CAR.

I THINK THAT IN THIS THE MOST IMPORTANT CASE IN THE HISTORY
OF OUR COUNTRY, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SECURE ALL
THE FACTS"

MR. BRYNA LOCATED A REJECTED RECORD CONTAINING THE ABOVE NEWS
ITEM WHICH HE MADE AVAILABLE.

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ABOVE FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU. THE REJECTED RECORD
IS BEING FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

Unless Advised to Contrary by Bureau

THE NEW YORK OFFICE WILL MAKE CONTACT PULSEBEAT NEWS
INC. TWO TWO TWO EAST FORTY SIX STREET, NEW YORK SEVENTEEN
NEW YORK FOR ANY INFORMATION THEY MAY FURNISH CONCERNING THE
SOURCE OF ABOVE NEWS ITEM AND DEEMED ADVISEABLE THEREAFTER
CONTACT THIS PERSON RELATIVE TO HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION.
AIRMAIL COPY BEING FURNISHED DALLAS FOR INFORMATION.
NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONTEMPLATED NEWARK.

END

Yours truly all mine
of

CC-FBI ROSEN

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TEX-NEWARK*

FBI NEWARK

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3/2/64

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URGENT

TO SAC NEW YORK (89-73)
FROM DIRECTOR FBI (62-109060) - **2502**

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE., DALLAS, TEXAS.

RE NEWARK TEL FEBRUARY TWENTYEIGHT LAST CONCERNING RECORD PUT OUT BY JAY LEVY OF RADIO PULSEREAT NEWS.

ON BASIS OF INFO AVAILABLE, NO RECORD IDENTIFIABLE WITH RADIO PULSEREAT NEWS OR JAY LEVY IN BUFILES.

INVESTIGATION INDICATED FOR NEW YORK SHOULD BE EXPEDITED AND RESULTS SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU AND DALLAS IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION. OBTAIN PROPERTY STATEMENT ON ALL LETTERHEAD MEMORANDA INTENDED FOR PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION. ALSO FURNISH DALLAS TWENTYFIVE COPIES OF INVESTIGATION IN INSERT FORM. COPIES MAILED TO DALLAS AND NEWARK.

- 1 - Dallas (By Mail)(89-43)
- 1 - Newark (By Mail)(62-3060)

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- 1 - R. E. Lenihan
- 1 - C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - W. C. Sullivan

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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NOTE:

Newark advised owner of Gem Long Playing Record Company, Newark, advised our office that each week Levy has a 100 records made from a "master record." Source advised that record prepared for news release 2/26/63 contained numerous unsubstantiated and false allegations concerning investigation of President Kennedy's assassination. Sample of false statements is "There is no question that the United States Government is suppressing information in this case and that FBI Agents and Secret Service Agents have attempted to have witnesses change their testimony." Newark instructed New York to contact the Pulsebeat News for information concerning the source of the "news items." The Director commented "Yes, by all means."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TELETYPE

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Rogge
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Hanigan

March 3, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
 General Counsel
 The President's Commission
 250 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
 Washington, D. C.

MAR 9 9 24 AM '64
 FBI
 RECEIVED READING ROOM

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to a telephone conversation between Mr. Edward J. Wilens of your staff and Mr. James R. Bailey of this Bureau on February 26, 1964. This conversation related to an alleged statement made by attorney William A. McKenzie to the effect that animosity existed between the U. S. Secret Service and the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Dallas, Texas.

Enclosed for your information are two copies of a communication from our Dallas, Texas, Office dated February 28, 1964, relating to an interview with Mr. McKenzie on February 27, 1964, and the text of a letter received by our Dallas, Texas, Office from him on February 28, 1964. In this letter, Mr. McKenzie categorically denies ever having made such a statement or inferring same. Mr. McKenzie also points out he feels this Bureau and the U. S. Secret Service have done a magnificent job in handling their investigative responsibilities, and it has been his experience since becoming associated with this investigation that both agencies are cooperating fully in a "harmonious manner."

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (2)

RDR:hw

NOTE: See memo A. Rosen to Mr. Belmont dated 3/3/64, same caption (The President's Commission, Assassination of President Kennedy), RDR:hw.

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Date: 3/2/64

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) P

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

C. P. 304

Re Bureau airtel to Dallas 2/24/64 enclosing
a letter from the President's Commission dated 2/21/64
which requested certain documents pertaining to the assassination
weapon.

Item No. 3 in the President's Commission letter
is quoted as follows:

"On Page 206 of the report prepared by SA ROBERT
P. GEMBERLING on 12/10/63, it is stated that on
7/5/62 Century Arms, Inc. of St. Albans, Vermont,
sent to Aldens of Chicago, a shipment of 6.5 mm
Italian Carbine Rifles including a rifle
bearing the Serial No. 2776 (This number is incorrect
in the President's Commission Letter and
should be 2766 as reflected in the 12/10/63 report
referred to above) which had been received by Century
Arms from Empire Sporting Goods of Montreal, Quebec,
Canada. Could you please obtain and send to us
originals or (if necessary) photographic copies of
all documents relating to this rifle including the
related purchase orders, invoices, shipping documents,
bills of lading, shipping records, receipts,
sales records, inventory records, etc. of Empire
Sporting Goods, Century Arms, Inc., Aldens, and any
other person or firm which owned or handled this
rifle."

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- 3 - Bureau (62-109060)
- 2 - Chicago (62-6115)
- 1 - Albany (62-1646) (info)
- 2 - Dallas

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Approved: 1964
Special Agent in Charge

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Now in possession of the Dallas Office is Exhibit D-102 which is Century Arms, Inc., 54 Lake Street, St. Albans, Vermont, Invoice No. 8934, dated June 29, 1962, which reflects shipment on July 5, 1962, of 700 6.5 calibre Italian Carbines, Catalog No. 33-3541M, to Aldens, 5000 West Roosevelt Road, Department G33, Chicago, Illinois, per Aldens Order No. 82803. Also, in possession of the Dallas Office is Exhibit D-103 which reflects the serial numbers of 700 6.5 calibre Italian Carbines which were received by Century Arms, Inc., from Empire Sporting Goods, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. One of such serial numbers is shown as "2766".

Previous investigation has established that the assassination weapon bore Serial No. C2766 and was purchased in March, 1963, by LEE HARVEY OSWALD from Klein's Sporting Goods Company, Chicago, Illinois, who had obtained such weapon from Crescent Firearms, Inc., 2 West 37th Street, New York City. Additional detailed tracing of the source of the weapon by Crescent Firearms, Inc. is being requested by separate communication.

It appears likely that the weapon bearing Serial No. 2766 received by Aldens from Century Arms, Inc. in July, 1962 is a different weapon than the assassination weapon. However, this must be resolved completely.

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ALBANY (INFO)

One copy of this communication is being furnished to Albany for its information in the event additional investigation is requested of that office with respect to locating documents pertaining to Century's receipt of the weapon shipped to Aldens.

CHICAGO AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will immediately contact Aldens, 5000 West Roosevelt Road, and determine the full description and complete serial number of the "2766" weapon received from Century Firearms, Inc. in July, 1962, and if determined to have prefix other than "C", immediately advise Bureau and Dallas and conduct no further tracing of the weapon, UACB.

DL 100-10461

Bureau has requested results under caption of instant communication although Dallas is filing same and reporting same in the case captioned "LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka IS-R-CUBA, Dallas File 100-10461.

THE BUREAU HAS STATED THAT NO UNDUE DELAY CAN BE TOLERATED SINCE THIS REQUEST EMANATED FROM THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION.

Memorandum

MR. CALLAHAN

DATE 1-23-64

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FROM

L. J. GAUTHIER

SUBJECT

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
AND THE KILLING OF SEN. JAMES O'CONNOR
VISUAL AIDS

As you know, the technical reviews of the Exhibits Section were made available in preparing suitable exhibits in captioned subject matter. The Director, on 1-18-64, approved letters of commendation for employees of the Exhibits Section, Graphic Presentation Unit, for their assistance in facilitating the preparation of exhibits included in the "Investigative Reports" furnished to the Presidential Commission.

In addition to the investigative exhibits, three-dimensional scale models of the assassination and killing sites were completed and delivered to the Commission on 1-17-64. These demonstrative exhibits are being extensively used by the Commission to re-enact to scale the events which happened in each site. By letter dated 1-23-64, the Commission thanked the Director for his cooperation and assistance in furnishing visual aids brochures to each member of the Commission's legal staff describing the three-dimensional exhibits which were set up in the Commission's space on 1-17-64. In Rosen's memo to Belmont, 1-29-64, the comment of Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, member of Commission's legal staff, was set forth as follows:

"The models prepared by the Bureau had been extremely helpful and that without them it would have been impossible for the Commission to have made any conclusion of any kind concerning the location where the shots were fired."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Exhibits Specialists Roy K. Rose and Eugene Paul Arey receive letters of commendation for their efforts in gathering, assembling, compiling and analyzing technical facts that are effectively being made available to the Commission through the use of visual aids.

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Mr. Beaver (Sent Direct)

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2. That Supervisor Trent H. Hughes, Visual Presentation Unit, be commended for his efforts in assisting in the gathering of technical data required to construct the scale models and through him the following unit employees responsible for satisfactorily completion an extremely difficult assignment in the shortest possible time:

Frank T. Peyton
Frederick A. Larson
William O. Berry
Donald C. Hillerich
Howard J. Franklin
William E. Flaherty
Robert F. Banwarth

Raymond H. Schaeffer
William H. Nash
Robert R. O'Haver
John H. Carpenter
Edgar G. Greene
James W. Painter
Frank Eugene Corn

*Approved - [Signature]
[Signature]*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: Feb 18, 1964 -

FROM : M. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Pages A717-A718. Congressman Senner, (D) Arizona, extended his remarks regarding a Birch Society article concerning President Kennedy's assassination written by Revilo P. Oliver, professor of classical languages, University of Illinois. Mr. Senner stated "I almost feel safe in saying that Professor Oliver, who has also participated in the activities of such groups as the Christian Crusade and We, the People, has attained an incomparable low with this latest bit of 'Communist conspiracy analysis.' Thanks be to God that the reasonableness of Americans is beginning to manifest itself through such clear expressions as the following article by Arizona's Platt Cline." Mr. Cline stated in his article "The article, 'Marxmanship in Dallas,' by Revilo P. Oliver of the University of Illinois, a despicable and vicious attack on the late President, the Attorney General, the Chief Justice and others, is described as a 'superb commentary' by Robert Welch, founder of the Birchites. Reading this hate-laden, paranoid, fantastic commentary on the assassination should be enough to disenchant any even slightly reasonable member with the society and its methods." Mr. Cline quoted the following from the Oliver article setting forth the functions of the Warren Commission to investigate President Kennedy's assassination: "To cover up for the Communist conspiracy as much as possible * * * to suppress permanently the report of the FBI which it has already acted to conceal from the American people - - -."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for Feb. 17, 1964 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

Memorandum

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Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Casper	_____
Callahan	_____
Conrad	_____
DeLoach	_____
Felt	_____
Gale	_____
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Sullivan	_____
Tavel	_____
Trotter	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Holmes	_____
Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: February 19, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: JULIUS FRANSEN
UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

On 3 occasions yesterday, 2-18-64, 2:15 p. m., 3:30 p. m. and 4:30 p. m., Wick talked with Frandsen in regard to the obtaining of the 8 mm. film in UPI possession which the latter purchased from a Mrs. Muchmore in Dallas concerning the president's assassination. *OF PRES. JOHN F. KENNEDY*

Frandsen said our New York Agents had been in touch with Mr. Burt Reinhardt of UPI News Film and our Agents are being given a copy of the original but that UPI would prefer at this time not releasing the original unless absolutely necessary. Wick told him he thought an exact copy would suffice but we would be in touch with him if it would not.

JHW *D*

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1 - Mr. Jones

REW:saj
(3) *sj*

SHANLEY

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RESEARCH

FBI

Date: 2/25/64

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (100-10240) - P -
SUBJECT: [REDACTED] *0*
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As the Bureau is aware, subject, Professor of Classics at the University of Illinois, is a national functionary of the John Birch Society and a regular contributor to the national monthly publication of this organization. In a recent issue he alleged President KENNEDY was assassinated by Communist conspiracy. Subject further alleged KENNEDY was part of a Communist conspiracy to deliver the United States into Communist control and was assassinated because he failed to do so. The above article caused considerable controversy as to subject's fitness to remain on the faculty of the University of Illinois. University administrative officials, including President DAVID D. HENRY, took the position that subject is entitled to express the above opinion as a private citizen, and no immediate administrative action against him is anticipated. President HENRY, however, publicly labeled the charges as irresponsible and unfounded and has referred the matter to a faculty committee for study and recommendations. American Association of University Professors has expressed approval of action taken by HENRY.

At 8:30 p.m. 2/24/64, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] telephonically advised SA

CHARLES TRAVELSTEAD as follows:

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Denver (RM)
- 2 - Springfield (100-10240)
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ROGER EBERT, Editor of the "Daily Illini," University of Illinois newspaper, told [REDACTED] that he received a telephone call on 2/24/64 from the Editor of the "Colorado Daily," University of Colorado newspaper. The caller told EBERT that ALEX GARBER, a faculty member at the University of Colorado, told him that he knew subject many years ago as a Communist Party member under the party name OLIVER CARLSON. GARBER was described as an admitted former Communist Party member who has publicly repudiated his former Communist connections.

[REDACTED] advised that EBERT told him that neither the "Daily Illini" nor the "Colorado Daily" planned to publish this allegation. [REDACTED] also said that no action would be taken by the University of Illinois at this time. He emphasized, however, that should this allegation be made public and should it become known that University of Illinois officials knew of it, their position would be that it was reported to the FBI on the same date it was received. [REDACTED] stated that until he advised to the contrary he desired his identity protected. He is an established and reliable source at the University of Illinois and has been contacted on many occasions in the past in security investigations, particularly where access to University records is desired on a highly confidential basis.

The Bureau is requested to authorize the Denver Office to interview ALEX GARBER for full details concerning subject's former Communist Party membership, unless information appears in Bureau files or those of the Denver Office which would preclude interview. If GARBER is interviewed, Denver is requested to submit results in form suitable for dissemination.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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FEB 20 1964

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am glad that we had the opportunity to discuss personally on January 28, 1964, the allegations to the effect that Lee Harvey Oswald was an informant of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Since our meeting, the Commission has received many helpful materials from your office concerning these allegations. I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated February 6 and 12, 1964, enclosing your own affidavit as well as various affidavits submitted by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who interviewed Lee Harvey Oswald or had responsibility for the supervision of Bureau informants in the areas where Oswald lived. I know that the Commission will consider these submissions, supplemented by your recent interviews of District Attorney Wade and Houston "Post" reporter Hudkins, as important contributions to the Commission's work.

[Handwritten signature]

In light of our continuing review of these allegations, I would like to bring to your attention one related matter. Your letter of January 27, 1964, advised the Commission that Special Agent James P. Hosty's name, office telephone number and automobile license number, one digit off, appeared in Oswald's address book. In so informing the Commission, your letter supplied information which appears to have been omitted from an earlier report of the FBI submitted to this Commission.

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Specifically, the report of Special Agent Gemberling dated December 23, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, beginning at page 672 purports to set forth the names, addresses and/or phone numbers contained in Oswald's address book. At page 696 of this report, certain entries are set forth with an indication that they appear on page 74 of the address book. Examination of the address book reveals that certain information has been omitted at this point in your report, including Special Agent Hosty's name, a telephone number, a license number, the date "Nov 1, 1963," and an address, "1114 Commerce St Dallas."

The Commission would like to be informed of the circumstances surrounding this omission. More particularly, it would assist the Commission in appraising the significance of this matter if we knew the names of the agents, including supervisors, who prepared this portion of the report or made any decision to omit information from the report. Needless to say, we would like a full explanation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

*And I want to know
details of this ad once*

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1 - Mr. Sullivan; 1 - Mr. Tavel; 1 - Mr. Malone; 1 - Mr. McGowan;
1 - Mr. Hines; 1 - Mr. Warrington; 1 - Mr. Casper

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February 27, 1964

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Assassination of
President John F.
Kennedy

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter of February 20, 1964, wherein you requested to be advised of the circumstances surrounding the omission of Special Agent James P. Mastey's name and related data as appearing in Lee Harvey Oswald's address book in our report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated December 23, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, in the Oswald case. You indicated it would assist the Commission in appraising the significance of this matter if it knew the names of the Agents, including supervisors, who prepared this portion of the report or made any decision to omit information from the report.

You indicated also that you would like a full explanation.

For your information, I have determined that Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling made the decision as to what information should be included in his report of December 23, 1963. I also determined that Special Agent John T. Resier had responsibility for reviewing photographic copies of the pages of Lee Harvey Oswald's address book to determine which items needed investigative attention. Such items were set forth as investigative leads to be covered and it was such lead material that was incorporated in Special Agent Gemberling's report of December 23, 1963.

I am enclosing herewith affidavits executed by Special Agents Robert P. Gemberling and John T. Resier wherein they explain their explanation regarding his handling of Lee Harvey Oswald's address book.

(14) See memo from Rosen to Belmont 2-26-64, SUBJECT: MFD: PAN; captioned "THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION; ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT."

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

I want you to know that I feel our reporting procedures in this matter are completely logical and sound. This Bureau never purported that Special Agent Gemberling's report of December 23, 1963, contained the complete listing of Lee Harvey Oswald's address book and, as you know, additional items in Oswald's address book not previously reported were furnished to the Commission in the report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated February 11, 1964, at Dallas, Texas.

This Bureau from the beginning of this investigation has developed and reported all available and relevant facts and it will continue to do so.

I trust that this letter and the enclosures thereto will satisfy the requirements of the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (2)

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2-27-64

FROM : Legat, Paris (100-1793) (P.)

SUBJECT: THOMAS GITTINGS BUCHANAN, JR.
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Bufile 100-354341
Paris file 100-1793ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT

JOHN F. KENNEDY

NOVEMBER 22, 1963

DALLAS, TEXAS

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Paris file 62-148

Re Paris letter 6-13-63 captioned THOMAS GITTINGS
BUCHANAN, JR., SM - C

Subject recently came to the attention of this office as the author of an article concerning the assassination of the late President KENNEDY which appeared in the 2-20-64 issue of "L'Express", a Paris weekly newspaper whose political leanings are oriented to the left. Copy of the article is enclosed for the Bureau and the Bureau may wish to have BUCHANAN's article translated in its entirety. If this is done, it is requested that a copy of the translation be forwarded to Paris for the completion of the Paris file.

In a preface to the article BUCHANAN is described as a 44-year-old American novelist, author of "La Licorne", which was chosen in 1960 by the New York Times as one of the best books of the year, who is presently employed in Paris as an electronics engineer.

In general BUCHANAN's article claims that authorities investigating the assassination of the late President KENNEDY

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started with the hypothesis that HARVEY LEE OSWALD alone was responsible for the murder, and thereafter as the investigation progressed, authorities either changed or disregarded facts which did not agree with the preconceived solution. BUCHANAN in general asserts that several assassins were involved and bases his theory on the number and direction of the shots, the distance from which they were fired, the nature of the wounds, as well as OSWALD's prior poor record as a marksman.

The article indicates that future issues will contain additional articles on the subject of the assassination although it is not clear whether or not they will be written by BUCHANAN. We will follow this matter and report any additional information of interest.

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ANOTHER AGENCY AND IS IN A PENDING STATUS:

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REFERRAL

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Belmont

DATE: February 28, 1964

FROM: J. P. [unclear]

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
11-22-63
DALLAS, TEXAS

Handwritten notes and stamps on the right side of the page, including a routing slip with fields for 'Tel.', 'Hole', and 'Copy'.

Howard Willens of the President's Commission and Administrative Assistant to J. Lee Rankin called to advise that the "Life" magazine picture of Lee Harvey Oswald holding a rifle has been the subject of comment by James Martin, former manager of Marina Oswald. Martin was fired by her at the suggestion of Robert Oswald.

Willens stated that Martin yesterday stated to either Rankin or one of the members of the staff that a lawyer named Ed Murray of the "Detroit Free Press" indicated that the picture in "Life" magazine came from a leak in the Commission.

Willens asked whether we could talk to Ed Murray and check into this.

Before initiating any inquiries, I asked Willens whether we could tell Murray that the Commission had requested this interview because he obviously would be interested to know why we approached him on this matter. I also told Willens that we ought to be in a position beforehand to indicate to Murray whether this information came from Martin or someone else.

In addition, it was indicated that inasmuch as Willens was merely relaying information which had been furnished to him by Rankin which in turn had been relayed by a member of the staff, a question is always raised in paraphrasing the original story that it may have been changed in its context.

I told Willens that in a matter of such importance as this it would be well to have the exact text of the conversation which took place between the staff member and Mr. Martin so that it could be examined carefully before we ask any questions. I suggested to

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY

Willens that perhaps he may wish to discuss this further with Rankin and determine the position which the Commission desires to take and that we would be guided accordingly.

Willens advised me that he would discuss this matter further with Rankin the early part of next week and he would then be in touch with the Bureau. He therefore did not desire any interview at this time and withdrew his request.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

We will await further advice from Willens on this matter, and if a request is received to inquire into this matter, we will suggest that such a request be in writing from the Commission.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 2/28/64

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS

Belmont
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PURPOSE:

To recommend that authority be granted to have Joachim Joesten, an admitted "left wing liberal" interviewed concerning his alleged knowledge of the assassination of President Kennedy.

DETAILS:

The Department by communication dated 2/20/64 forwarded to us a copy of a form-type, unsigned and undated letter from Joachim Joesten who maintains residence in New York City and La Ciotat, France. This letter appears to have been prepared for dissemination to book publishers. In the letter Joesten states in December, 1963, he was commissioned by Germany's "biggest publication," Der Stern, to go to Dallas for the purpose of conducting private investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy. He states on the strength of "exhaustive, documented findings" he is convinced Oswald is innocent and that he has also developed clues to the real assassins. Joesten continues that he has written two books, one in German and one in English, relating his findings which should be available at an early date for publication. The book will be entitled "Impossible Assassin" and he allegedly has written 100,000 words concerning the case. There is no apparent purpose for Joesten sending this to the Attorney General other than it does relate to the Attorney General's late brother.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY

BACKGROUND:

[Bureau files disclose that we have numerous references identical with Joesten who previously had been the subject of an internal security investigation originating in New York. This file was opened in August, 1941, following receipt at the State Department of an anonymous communication sent from Stockholm, Sweden, alleging that one Joachim Joesten was a communist. Immigration and Naturalization Service investigation in 1941 failed to produce any proof which would indicate Joesten was a communist.]

Joesten was born 6/29/07 at Cologne, Germany, and was naturalized in June, 1948. He has traveled extensively throughout the world and has been employed as a correspondent for numerous foreign and American newspapers. He has written numerous books, several of which have been reviewed by the Bureau. At a citizenship hearing on 2/14/47 Joesten stated he considered himself a "left wing liberal" and indicated he may have adopted the communist party line in his youth as a means of fighting Nazis.

In 1957 German authorities requested our Legat in Bonn interview Joesten concerning some statements he made in a book which German authorities felt contained "invented narrations." The Bureau at this time did not feel that an interview of Joesten was advisable since there was no assurance he would be cooperative and further that the book did not involve the Bureau or the U. S. Government.

OBSERVATIONS:

Inasmuch as Joesten has indicated on the basis of documented findings he feels that Oswald is innocent, that he has "clues" to the identity of the assassins, that this matter was forwarded by the Department and finally that it is possible this matter could result in a request for investigation by the President's Commission, it is felt we should take the initiative and have Joesten interviewed concerning the assassination.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY

ACTION:

1. That the attached airtel to New York and the Legats at Bonn and Paris be sent instructing that efforts be made to locate and interview Joesten concerning the assassination.

2. The Bureau will follow this matter and insure the President's Commission is appropriately advised of the results of our inquiries.

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TO DIRECTOR -9- 62-109060

FROM NEW YORK 89-75

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DALLAS, TEXAS, AFO.

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Via AIRTEL AM
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1166) (RUC)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

LO: DL

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Re: Information Concerning J. P. DAVIDSON,
Memphis, Tennessee, and DeSoto County,
Mississippi

Enclosed herewith are 8 copies to Bureau and 2 copies to
Dallas of letterhead memorandum captioned, as above, dated 2-27-64.
This information was furnished by [redacted]
Memphis, Tennessee, who requested that his identity be maintained
in confidence.

UACB, no investigation being conducted in Memphis and no
leads being set out. Request for investigation being left to
discretion of the office of origin.

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Gen. DeLoach

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and Puerto Rico)

CC TO: Asst. Dir. [redacted]
REQ. REC'D [redacted]
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ANS. BY: J.P. Davidson

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

341 Federal Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
February 27, 1964

Information Concerning J. P. Davidson.

On February 25, 1964, an individual who requested his identity not be disclosed, contacted the Memphis Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and furnished the following information.

Source stated he has had a number of contacts with Mr. J. P. Davidson, who operates an Army Surplus Store on South Main Street just below the Chisum Hotel in Memphis. He lives in DeSoto County, Mississippi, on Goodwyn Road, and is reportedly a friend and adviser of former Governor Ross E. Barnett and present Governor Paul B. Johnson of Mississippi. This source said that during the latter part of September or early October, 1963, he was in the office of Mr. Davidson on South Main Street in Memphis, and he heard Mr. Davidson remark that when President Kennedy went to Texas "they are going to shoot him" and "those people (Texans) are riled up about the Mississippi situation and the people in Texas are not going to take it in Texas."

Source said Mr. Davidson continued in effect to say, "Those fellows in Texas are deer hunters," meaning they are expert shots with rifles, and they would "get the whole Kennedy group." Source then heard Mr. Davidson say in effect that a wealthy Texan, name not mentioned, had ordered a "fancy" casket and if anything happened, they would "send him (presumably President Kennedy) home in the finest box in Texas."

According to source, Davidson did not give any indication as to where he received this information. He did infer he had been talking to someone but did not say to whom.

The source said Mr. Davidson's wife may have been in the room during the time of this conversation. The source has heard Mr. Davidson make similar statements to a number of other people.

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Source continued he had seen Mr. Davidson seven or eight times since the assassination of President Kennedy. On about January 15, 1964, he overheard Mr. Davidson mentioned the Kennedy assassination and comment the only thing wrong with it was "they didn't get Bobby." Source further recalled about December 1, he saw Mr. Davidson in his office and heard him state something to the effect there was much happiness in Mississippi "over the Texas incident," obviously referring to the assassination of the late President Kennedy. He further heard Mr. Davidson mention something to the effect that Mississippians were sorry "they didn't get Bobby."

The source described Mr. J. F. Davidson as a white male, about 55 years of age, 5'10" to 6' tall, 130 pounds, "flabby" build, hair sandy-gray and balding, married, no children, peculiarities, was crippled during armed forces service, suffering back injury, walks stooped over due to gall bladder operation.

Source stated he had no further information.

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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1166)

REC-3 From: Director, FBI (62-109060) — 2508

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/22/63
DALLAS, TEXAS

ReMEairtel 2/27/64 relating to J. P. Davidson.

Memphis should locate and interview J. P. Davidson concerning statements attributed to him and furnish results in a letterhead memorandum to act as a supplement to the letterhead memorandum submitted by you. In addition, the results of all investigation conducted should be incorporated into insert form, 25 copies to Dallas. [redacted] identity should be protected in view of his request.

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NOTE: Memphis reported that [redacted] advised on 2/25/64 that Davidson had said during the latter part of September, 1963, or early October, 1963, that when President Kennedy went to Texas "they are going to shoot him." Davidson is alleged to have made other statements indicating that possibly a rifle might be used. He indicated some wealthy Texan had ordered a "fancy casket" so if the President was assassinated they could "send him home in the finest box in Texas." Other statements attributed to Davidson indicate he is definitely opposed to the policies of the Kennedy administration with regard to racial integration and allegedly is associated with the former and present Governors of Mississippi. While it would appear these statements were made by Davidson in anger, it is still possible this allegation could reach the President's Commission and result in a request for investigation. In view of the above, it is recommended Davidson be interviewed and this matter be fully resolved. ~~General information~~

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

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (89-43) P

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

Re: INFORMATION CONCERNING J. P.
DAVIDSON, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE,
AND DE SOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau 2/27/64 enclosing a
letterhead memorandum containing information furnished by
[redacted] who requested his identity be protected.

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The Memphis Division is requested to immediately
interview Mrs. J. P. DAVIDSON and thereafter J. P. DAVIDSON
thoroughly concerning the information received from [redacted]

Thereafter Memphis should submit in appropriate
FD-302 or insert form 25 copies each for inclusion in a
report being prepared by Dallas concerning miscellaneous
information received in this matter per instructions of the
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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (89-43) P

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

Re Houston airtel to Bureau 2/27/64 enclosing a
letterhead memorandum containing information pertaining to
WILLIAM JONATHAN LINES.

Houston is requested to submit the contents of
said letterhead memorandum in appropriate insert and FD-302
Form, 25 copies each, for inclusion in a report concerning
miscellaneous information being prepared by Dallas.

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64 MAR 10 1964 Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. R. D. Rogge

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To: SACs, Buffalo
Dallas (89-43)

From: Director, FBI (62-109060) - 2511

**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
11-22-63
DALLAS, TEXAS**

The following communication, addressed to Mrs. and Mr. Lyndon Baines Johnson, Washington, D. C., and bearing return address Jacob Datz, 278 Avenue "A", Rochester, New York 14621, was forwarded to this Bureau by Secret Service:

"Dear Sir:

I want to know who is responsible for Kennedys Assination. I would like to see you as soon as possible. There are twof foreigners behind assasination. I worked for the U.S. Government in 1935 to know 1959 I was wooking for President Eisenhower and Edgar Hoover. You ca check

Yours truly

Jacob Datz

(Signed) Jacob Datz"

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Based on available information in Bureau files, Datz appears identical with an individual who has corresponded with the Bureau on several occasions. This individual was apparently suffering from a mental condition.

In view of the statements attributed to him, however, it is requested that he be interviewed and full details concerning

105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)

Mr. E. Lenihan

Mr. Bartlett

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- Tolson
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Airtel to SACs, Buffalo and Dallas
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

this situation be obtained. If a possible violation of the Impersonation Statute exists in this instance, you should, accordingly, discuss same with the appropriate U. S. Attorney.

An insert should be prepared and twenty-five copies forwarded to the Dallas Office.

Expedite.

NOTE:

This individual appears to be identical with the subject of Bureau file 63-5206, a mental case who has corresponded with the Bureau on several occasions in the past. However, in view of the fact that this deals with the assassination, it is being run out and reported accordingly.



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DATE 14621.
VENUE "A" New York
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Jacob Datz "A"
278 Avenue "A"
Rochester 21, New York

VIA AIR MAIL



Mrs and Mr Lyndon Baines Johnson
White House
Washington, D.C.

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Yours truly

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Letter rec'd from SA
Thomas White, USSS.

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O. H. Bartlett

FBI

Date: 2/27/64

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JOHN F. KENNEDY 11/22/63
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MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
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On 2/27/64 there was received from Mr. BOB WILLIAMS, regional editor of the "New Ulm Daily Journal," New Ulm, Minnesota, the "Manuscript 18" bearing a date 2/10/64, purportedly written by one A. H. BETHKE, 1031 Benson Highway, Tucson, Arizona. In his letter of 2/25/64 transmitting the manuscript,

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Mr. WILLIAMS stated that he had never met Mr. BETHKE and that he was not on the list of the paper's out-of-town subscribers.

The original as received from Mr. WILLIAMS is transmitted herewith for the Bureau, and one copy is enclosed for Dallas and Phoenix. The address of the writer of the manuscript is given as 1031 Benson Highway, Tucson, Arizona.

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Will identify A. H. BETHKE and interview him with respect to the allegations made, if his mental condition makes such interview justifiable.