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ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT KENNEDY, 11/22/63
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At 9:40 PM, Mr. Baumgartner from FBI Headquarters telephonically advised that Bureau had some information from one of their good informants to this effect:

OSWALD, when he was in New Orleans, wrote letter to ARNOLD JOHNSON, CP, USA Legislative Secretary, and he asked for instructions as to whether the Fair Play for Cuba Committee should go underground. JOHNSON replied to this letter, giving advice to OSWALD. OSWALD also wrote letters to ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Chairman of the CP, USA.

Mr. Baumgartner said if these letters are in existence somewhere, we should try to get them. He stated he didn't want us to go out to OSWALDS tonight, and he inquired as to what kind of liaison we had with the police.

He was advised that the police have already searched the place, and that Secret Service had taken the wife and mother of OSWALD and apparently hidden them out to keep them from getting killed. Further, that the police had taken a lot of stuff out of the garage.

Baumgartner said he did not have the dates on the letters but they were written while OSWALD residing in New Orleans. He said we are looking for any letter from any official of the CP, especially these two, who have admitted that they corresponded with OSWALD. I was instructed to not do anything that would leak out that we have this information, but we are interested in getting our hands on these letters if OSWALD kept them. ^{He asked} if we think that a good search was made, and if it would be possible for FBI to go back to OSWALDS and go through the place ourselves. He instructed that we not do anything re making a search until we had cleared with the Bureau.

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