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DATE: 2/25/67

TO : Mr. Wick

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: JOSEPH M. RAULT, JR.
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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A United Press International (UPI) news release dated February 24, 1967, reflects some 50 New Orleans businessmen promised on that date to finance District Attorney Jim Garrison's new investigation of the Kennedy assassination. It was stated that the group might take up money for a reward for anyone furnishing substantial information on the alleged plot.

The news release listed auto dealer Willard E. Robertson and oilman Joseph M. Rault, Jr., as leaders of the group.

The Director has indicated "Let me have memo on Robertson and Rault - H."

A memorandum regarding Robertson was prepared on 2/24/67, a copy of which is attached.

The New Orleans Office advised by teletype dated 2/24/67, that a news release of that date indicates that a group headed by Robertson and Rault consisting of some 50 individuals attended a luncheon at which the group was asked to contribute \$100 each per person for three months toward a \$15,000 fund for Garrison to complete his investigation. The news release states that Garrison is being provided a blank check so that he may conduct his investigation without the possibility of the news media determining his activities. When questioned on the word "solved" Garrison replied that he thought he had made his meaning clear in the past. He also stated

ENCLOSURE

- 1 - Mr. Wick - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Tolson - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure

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RE: Joseph M. Rault, Jr.

that arrests were not imminent and may take many months and might even take as long as 30 years. According to the press release, Garrison stated he solved the assassination and would arrest every individual involved.

According to the New Orleans Office, the press release indicates that Rault is the President of the Rault Petroleum Corporation and attended law school with Garrison.

The publication "Who's Who in America" reflects a Joseph Matthew Rault who was born in 1893 and appears to be identical with the father of captioned individual. He graduated from Georgetown University in 1916 and has held prominent positions in the New Orleans area such as Chairman of the United States War Bond Committee for New Orleans from 1941 through 1943 and Chairman of the New Orleans Community Chest in 1941. He is listed as having been a member of the board of advisory editors of the Tulane Law Review since 1943.

There is no record of captioned individual in Bufiles or in the records of the Identification Division.

The New Orleans Office also advised that the press release reflects that Cecil M. Shilstone is also heading the fund-raising campaign for Garrison. There is no pertinent identifiable information concerning him in Bufiles or any arrest record for him in the Identification Division.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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