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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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TYPE OF CASE <u>Protective Research</u>	STATUS <u>Pending</u>	TITLE OR CAPTION <u>Assassination of President Kennedy</u>
INVESTIGATION MADE AT <u>Dallas, Texas</u>	PERIOD COVERED <u>March 16-18, 1964</u>	<i>CFK</i>
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DETAILS SUMMARY

Survey of broadcast recordings from radio and television stations in Dallas indicates approximately 200 hours of recordings available. Estimate does not include the following National Networks: ABC, CBS, NBC, UP, AP and Mutual Radio.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

This survey was requested by Inspector Kelley on 3-16-64 via telephone conversation with reporting agent.

Other Investigations

The following radio stations were contacted in the Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas area:

- KFJZ - Mr. Gene Kraft advised that they used the wire services of UP and AP and that they have no tape recordings on hand.
- KJIM - Mr. Taylor Branch advises that they have no tape on hand.
- KMAT - Mr. Ray Landers reports that they have no tape on hand.
- KDCK - Mr. McClain advised they used the facilities of UP and Mutual Radio and that they have no tape recordings.
- KPCN - Mr. Ed Milton advised they used the facilities of UP and that they have no tape recordings.
- KBOZ - Mr. Ronald Jenkins advised that they have 8 to 10 hours of tape recordings. Mr. Jenkins also advises that they turned some of

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their material over to UP, which UP is making into an album.

- KIHL - Mr. Glyde Holm advises they have about 1½ hours of tape recordings.
- KVIL - Mr. Mats advises they have about 1 hour of tape recordings.
- KCOL - Mr. Roy Edon advises they have 1½ to 2 hours of tape recordings.
- WFAA - Mr. Walter Evans advises they have about 2 hours of tape recordings.
- WRR - Mr. Bob Jett advises they have 2 to 3 hours of tape recordings.
- KRLD - Mr. Eddie Barker advises that they have about 12 hours of tape recordings.
- WBAP - Mr. Harvey Boyd advises that they have about 18 hours of tape recordings.
- KOUL - Mr. Bill Mack reported that they used Mutual Radio and WRR for their pick-up and that they do not have any tape recordings.
- KLIF & KSKY - Mr. Joe Long and Mr. Andy Bell both advised that they use a "Soundscriber". Their entire day's broadcast is recorded on this special machine using four inch reels of tape which is 2" wide. It requires special equipment in order to play back and facilities at these stations would not allow duplicating. However they advised that they would turn over their recordings so that they could be duplicated. A reel of tape covering the day's broadcast would cost \$8.20 for each day, should it be duplicated on the "Soundscriber" equipment. Each station can provide their "Soundscriber" recordings for November 22, 23 and 24. Most of their recordings for November 25 would cover the funerals.

The following television stations were contacted in the Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas area:

- KERA-TV - This is an educational TV station and they did not have news coverage. They had memorial programs and documentaries.
- KRLD-TV - Mr. Eddie Barker advises that they have about 7 hours of video tape.
- WFAA-TV - Mr. Bob Walker advises that they have about 2 hours of video tape.

WDAP-TV - Mr. Richard Bico advised that they turned over all their video tape to MEC and destroyed what MEC did not want. He said they kept the shooting of Oswald and the President's speech at Ft. Worth, Texas.

KTVT-TV - Mr. Ed Hubert reported that most of their coverage was not taped and that they only have 1 hour video tape which included the Oswald shooting.

Preliminary survey indicates about 200 hours of video tape and tape recordings available from the radio and television stations in the Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas area. As far as is known at this time, there is no way to effectively make duplicates of these tape recordings at an increased speed. The total man hours required to duplicate this estimated 200 hours of tape recordings will depend upon the method used. If sufficient equipment were available, two or three of these tape recordings could be duplicated simultaneously. For this reason no estimate of the man hour cost is being made. Several stations also reported that there may be some music and other non-pertinent information contained in their tapes which could be cut out while making the duplicates.

The stations were not questioned about the hourly wages of employees who would make the duplicates, but some of the stations voluntarily stated that there would be no charge other than the tape. Several other stations reported that the task was too great for their personnel to absorb and continue their normal operations, therefore, outside assistance would have to be obtained. Two stations reported that their facilities would not allow duplicates be made from their "Soundcribor" tapes.

All stations indicated that they would either furnish copies or allow copies to be made from their tape recordings.

The cost of the tape used in making the duplicates can vary from \$1.75 an hour to \$3.80 an hour, depending upon the quality and thickness of the tape. A no label tape can be obtained for \$1.75 per 7 inch reel containing 1,000 feet, playing about an hour. Scotch Brand #150-18 can be obtained for about \$5.00 per 7 inch reel containing 1,000 feet, playing for about 1½ hours. Scotch Brand #200-24 can be obtained for \$7.60 for a 7 inch reel containing 2,400 feet, playing for about 2 hours. Scotch Brand #290-36 can be obtained for \$9.55 per 7 inch reel, containing 3,600 feet and playing for about 3 hours. The above prices were quoted by Elko Camera Company, Dallas, Texas, as prices to the United States Secret Service. It is possible that in the quantity necessary that the tape could be obtained wholesale either direct or by a radio and television station.

The above cost per hour estimate was made using a speed of 3 3/4 inches per second on the tape recorder. A slower speed of 1 7/8 inches per second

could be used, which would cut the tape cost in half, but for fidelity reasons I believe 3 3/4 inches per second should be used.

Cheaper tape could also reduce the cost by about one-half but I believe that if these events are to be preserved for any length of time, a good, strong, high quality tape should be used.

As a result of this preliminary survey, I estimate the cost of duplicating the 200 hours, using 3 3/4 inches per second and good quality tape, to be about \$550.00. This estimate does not include the man hour cost nor the tape recordings that ABC, CBS, NBC, UP, AP and Mutual Radio may have.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Inquiry was not made of the following National Systems: ABC, CBS, NBC, AP, UP, and Mutual Radio because any offices that they may have in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area would be subordinate offices. These agencies could be contacted in Washington, D. C., or New York City at a more effective level.

DISPOSITION

This phase of the investigation is closed.

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