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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060), ALBUQUERQUE, SAN FRANCISCO
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FROM: NEW ORLEANS (89-69)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE -
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING (OO: DALLAS)

HAROLD WEISBERG, A NATIONALLY KNOWN WRITER WHO HAS
WRITTEN ABOUT THE PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION IN THE
PAST, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AT
ABOUT ELEVEN FORTYSIX AM. AT THIS TIME, HE ADVISED THAT HE
HAS RECEIVED SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT A MAFIA PLOT TO
ASSASSINATE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON. MR.
WEISBERG CLAIMED THAT EARLIER THIS AM, HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE
CALL FROM ONE OF HIS SOURCES IN SAN FRANCISCO, NOT AT THIS
TIME IDENTIFIED, THAT AT A MAFIA MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO A
DAY OR TWO AGO, A CONTRACT WAS LET TO ASSASSINATE DISTRICT
ATTORNEY GARRISON AND THAT THE MAFIA HITMAN TO DO IT, BOARDED
A PLANE, AIRLINE NOT IDENTIFIED, FOR NEW ORLEANS YESTERDAY TO
DO THE JOB. WEISBERG CLAIMED THAT HE RECEIVED THE CALL FROM
HIS SOURCE AT HIS MOTEL DURING THE EARLY MORNING AND THAT HE

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HAS MADE A TAPE OF THIS CALL FROM HIS SOURCE. WEISBERG VOLUNTEERED TO GIVE A COPY OF THE TAPE TO THE FBI. WEISBERG CLAIMED AT THE TIME HE CALLED THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE THAT HE WAS CALLING FROM THE OFFICE OF LOUIS IVON, ONE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON'S INVESTIGATORS, AND THAT OTHER THAN TELLING IVON OF THIS, WEISBERG HAD NOT NOTIFIED THE NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT OR LOCAL AUTHORITY. WEISBERG SAID GARRISON IS CURRENTLY IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, AND THAT GARRISON AS YET HAS NOT BEEN ADVISED OF THE ALLEGED MAFIA CONTRACT.

WEISBERG, WHEN TOLD THAT JURISDICTION UNDER MURDER OR THREATS TO MURDER WAS WITH LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS RATHER THAN THE FBI, STATED THAT BECAUSE THE INFORMATION HE RECEIVED CAME TO HIM INTERSTATE AND BECAUSE THIS INFORMATION INDICATED THAT THE MAFIA HITMAN EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS TO CARRY OUT THE THREAT WAS VIA INTERSTATE CARRIER AND THE FACT THAT GARRISON IS CURRENTLY IN ALBUQUERQUE, HE FELT THAT THE FBI SHOULD ALSO INVESTIGATE OR BE ADVISED OF THIS INFORMATION. WEISBERG CLAIMED HE DID NOT WANT TO TALK ON THE PHONE IN GREATER DETAIL BUT STATED THAT HIS SOURCE WHO IS INSIDE THE

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MAFIA AND HAS BEEN RELIABLE IN THE PAST, CLAIMS TO BE IN GREAT FEAR FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY ABOUT THIS. THE MAFIA SOURCE ALLEGEDLY WOULD TELL WEISBERG WHERE THE MAFIA MEETING WAS HELD, THE TIME OF THE MEETING, HOW MANY WAS THERE, AND ABOUT THE DECISION TO HAVE GARRISON HIT, BUT WEISBERG CLAIMED THE SOURCE DID NOT FURNISH HIM THE IDENTITY OF THE MAFIA FIGURES INVOLVED OR THE IDENTITY OF THE ALLEGED MAFIA HITMAN COMING TO NEW ORLEANS.

WEISBERG IS BEING TOLD THAT THE BUREAU, ALBUQUERQUE AND SAN FRANCISCO BEING APPRAISED OF HIS INFORMATION AND THAT THE NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE NOTIFIED BUT THAT THE JURISDICTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF GARRISON OR ANY THREATS OR PLOTS TO ASSASSINATE GARRISON LIES WITH LOCAL POLICE OFFICIALS.

LYNN LOISELL, A GARRISON INVESTIGATOR, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED ANOTHER AGENT OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE AT ABOUT TWELVE THIRTYFIVE AT WHICH TIME HE FURNISHED INFORMATION TO AMPLIFY THAT OF WEISBERG BY SAYING THAT THE MAFIA MEETING

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OCCURRED THREE OR FOUR DAYS AGO IN THE FIVE HUNDRED BLOCK OF WASHINGTON STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, WITH MAFIA FIGURES PRESENT AND HIT GARRISON CONTRACT WAS LET. ACCORDING TO LOISELL, TWO DAYS AGO, THE HITMAN DEPARTED SAN FRANCISCO FOR NEW ORLEANS. LOISELL CLAIMED THAT THE SAN FRANCISCO INFORMANT, APPARENTLY THE SAME ONE AS THAT OF WEISBERG, AT FIVE AM TODAY IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SENT A TAPE RECORDING OF THIS MEETING. THIS IS AT VARIANCE WITH WEISBERG'S STORY THAT HE RECORDED THE INFORMANT'S CONVERSATION FROM HIS TELEPHONE. LOISELL FURNISHED INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT THE SAN FRANCISCO INFORMANT WAS WITH SAN FRANCISCO NEWSMEDIA, BUT NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED. LOISELL STATED THAT GARRISON WAS OUT OF TOWN IN ALBUQUERQUE (INFORMATION WHICH GARRISON'S OFFICE CONSIDERS CONFIDENTIAL) AND THAT GARRISON HAD NO PLANS TO RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS FOR ABOUT A WEEK BUT THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAVE ALREADY SENT A DISTRICT ATTORNEY MAN TO MEET GARRISON EITHER IN ALBUQUERQUE OR PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO NEW ORLEANS.

LOISELL MERELY FURNISHED HIS INFORMATION TO NEW ORLEANS

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FOR INFORMATION WITHOUT MAKING ANY REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION
OR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

NO ADDITIONAL ACTION BEING TAKEN BY NEW ORLEANS, ~~MEMPHIS~~,
ALBUQUERQUE, SAN FRANCISCO AND DALLAS FOR INFORMATION.

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