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TO: ALL SACs PERSONAL ATTENTION

FROM: Director, FBI (62-109060)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

James C. Garrison, District Attorney of New Orleans, Louisiana, has been conducting an independent investigation relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

His activities have been the subject of numerous press releases which in themselves have been controversial. He has been quoted as saying "I have no reason to believe at this time that Lee Harvey Oswald killed anybody in Dallas on Nov. 22." Garrison has been quoted as saying he had no intention of calling in the FBI, and "we've been able to make more progress in three months with a handful of men than they've been able to do in three years with 5,000 men."

Due to Garrison's irresponsible actions in connection with this matter, no contact is being made with him or any member of his staff.

You are instructed to insure each employee in your Division understands that if he is asked for any information relating to this matter there is to be no comment made; further, this matter is not to be discussed outside the Bureau. However, should information be made available to you voluntarily, it will be accepted, and the Bureau is to be promptly advised. No active investigation is to be conducted.

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The Attorney General

- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Wick
- Mr. Rosen

Director, FBI

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March 16, 1967

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Lohan

ADMINISTRATIVE OF THIS REPORT
 JOHN F. KENNEDY
 ASSASSINATION COMMISSION REPORT

Reference is made to your letter dated March 13, 1967, in captioned matter, your reference 127-11.

In connection with your inquiry concerning Confidential Document Number 73, your attention is directed to our letter of August 10, 1965, entitled "Public Disclosure of Warren Commission Records." Attached to our letter of August 10, 1965, was a memorandum dated August 10, 1965, which set forth the results of our review of material available at the National Archives in connection with the Warren Commission Report. Page eleven of this list set forth the exact pages of Confidential Document Number 73 which were to be excluded from the public domain. Also set forth were the guidelines which were applicable to the pages which were to be excluded from public review.

Our basic position concerning the public disclosure of material emanating from this Bureau in connection with our investigations of events relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was expressed in our letter to you of February 15, 1965, and was repeated in our letter of August 10, 1965. You were informed that it was our view that the final decision as to the public disclosure of the material in question rests with the Department of Justice.

In accordance with your request, we will discriminate to you on an immediate basis as to have been doing data relating to the investigation of the assassination now being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney James C. Garrison.

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The Attorney General

Your request to be furnished all FBI investigative reports concerning any alleged New Orleans area plot to assassinate President Kennedy will necessitate a voluminous file review by this Bureau. Throughout the course of our investigation of the assassination of the late President Kennedy, we received a voluminous number of allegations indicating there was a plot by someone to assassinate President Kennedy. We are reviewing our files in order to respond to your request and at the earliest possible date, we will furnish to you copies of all FBI investigative reports of the material in question.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Fred H. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Harold Hardestad, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General

NOTE: See memorandum Mr. W. A. Branigan to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, captioned same as above, dated 3/14/67, prepared by EEL:kug.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: March 13,

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FROM : The Attorney General *PC*

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SUBJECT: Assassination of President John F. Kennedy Warren Commission Records

This is in response to your February 24 memorandum regarding public disclosure of 55 pages of Warren Commission Document No. 75, which have been excluded from public disclosure under guidelines approved by McGeorge Bundy, Special Assistant to the President. Your memo states that the Bureau has no objection to public disclosure of these pages.

We understand that in addition to these 55 pages there are another approximately 50 pages of Commission Document No. 75 which have been excluded from public disclosure under the same guidelines. We would appreciate your advising us whether the Bureau has any objection to public disclosure of these remaining pages.

Further, it is requested that the Bureau furnish to the Department copies of all FBI investigative reports (except Commission Document No. 75 and except information which has been furnished in the series of memos beginning about February 20, 1967) which relate to the investigation now being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney Garrison or to any alleged New Orleans area plot to assassinate President Kennedy.

For such assistance as it may be there is attached a list of the names which have been noted by the Department as having been mentioned in connection with the Garrison investigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: March 13,

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FROM : The Attorney General *PC*

SUBJECT: Assassination of President John F. Kennedy
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List of Names of Persons Connected with the
New Orleans Investigation

Andrews, Dean Adams, Jr.
Banister, W. Guy, Jr.
Beauboef, Alvin Roland
Bertrand, Clay
Blackmon, Andrew
Bringuier, Carlos Jose
Coffey, Melvin Stacey
Cummings, Raymon
Daenhauer, J. B.
David, W. Hardy
Feric, David William
Fox, Lawrence
Garrison, James
Gill, W. G. Wray
Gongora, Pascual Enrique Ruedolo
Gonzales, Manuel Garcia
Gould, Clay
Gurvich, William
Hug, Josephine
Ivon, Louis
Lewallen, James R.
Lewis, David Franklin, Jr.
Marachini, Dante
Martens, Layton Patrick
Martin, Jack S.
Oswald, Lee Harvey
Quiroga, Carlos
Riley (Reilly) William B.
Russo, Perry Raymond
Santoine, Robert Milton
Seeling, Melvin
Shaw, Clay R.
Smith, Sergis Arcacha
Stanley, Carl John
Steele, Charles
Torres, Bernardo
Torres, Miguel
Voebel, Edward
Wegmann, Edward F.
Wegmann, William J.
Zelden, Sam "Monk"

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Raupach
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To: SAC, New Orleans (89-69)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI (62-109869)

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
WARREN COMMISSION RECORDS

Attached is a copy of a letter to the Bureau from the Attorney General dated 3-13-67 in captioned matter. Your attention is directed to paragraph three of the Attorney General's letter, wherein he requests to be furnished copies of all FBI investigative reports dealing with any alleged New Orleans area plot to assassinate President Kennedy.

You should immediately make a thorough review of your files concerning both the Assassination File and the Lee Harvey Oswald File to locate any information dealing with an alleged New Orleans area plot to assassinate President Kennedy. Copies of reports or letterhead memoranda reporting such alleged plots should be forwarded to the Bureau for transmittal to the Department. One copy of each report or letterhead memorandum reporting such plots should be submitted.

This matter must be given your immediate attention in order that this data may be furnished to the Attorney General at the earliest possible date.

It will not be necessary for your office to check the list of names attached to the enclosed Attorney General's letter through your indices. Information concerning these individuals is being furnished to the Department at Seat of Government where warranted as developments occur involving them.

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NOTE: See memorandum Branigan to Sullivan, captioned as above, dated 3-14-67, prepared by REL:kmg.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *JS*

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan *WAB*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
WARREN COMMISSION RECORDS

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
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By letter dated 3/13/67, the Attorney General requested to be advised by Bureau whether approximately 50 pages of Commission Document Number 75 which has been excluded from public disclosure can now be made available to public disclosure. The Attorney General also requested to be furnished copies of FBI investigative reports dealing with the investigation being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney Garrison or to any alleged New Orleans area plot to assassinate President Kennedy.

COMMISSION DOCUMENT NUMBER 75: Commission Document Number 75 is a copy of the report of Special Agent Warren C. DeBruyts dated 12/2/63 at Dallas, Texas, entitled "Lee Harvey Oswald, Internal Security - Russia - Cuba." It consists of 737 pages. Fifty-five pages of this report contains information dealing with David William Ferrie, who was alleged by New Orleans District Attorney Garrison to be involved in the plot to assassinate the late President Kennedy. Ferrie died 2/22/67. By memorandum dated 2/24/67, we informed the Attorney General we had no objection if the Department made these 55 pages of our report relating to Ferrie available to the public, but pointed out that the final decision as to public disclosure of such material rests with the Department of Justice. The reason these 55 pages were originally withheld from the public domain was because they contained data showing Ferrie was a homosexual. Following Ferrie's death, the news media carried numerous articles reporting Ferrie was a homosexual and accordingly, we told the Department we had no objection if the Department desired to make the material relating to Ferrie available to the public in the public interest.

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An additional 63 pages of Commission Document Number 75 is currently being withheld from public domain, since these pages contain information that prohibits public disclosure of them under guidelines approved by Mr. McGeorge Bundy, former Special Assistant to the President. These pages deal with confidential bank records, telephone company records, hospital records, arrest records of individuals not involved in the assassination and similar other material which was volunteered to us in confidence.

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Memorandum Branigan to Sullivan
Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
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By memorandum dated 8/10/65 entitled "Public Disclosure of Warren Commission Records," we furnished the Department a list of FBI documents that we had reviewed in accordance with Departmental instructions. We listed those documents which could or could not be placed in the public domain under the guidelines set by Mr. Bundy. Included in our list was Commission Document Number 75, and we specifically pointed out to the Department the exact pages that required exclusion from the public domain and the guidelines which dictated such exclusion. We also told the Department that the final decision as to public disclosure of the material in question rests with the Department of Justice.

DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR FBI INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS: In his letter dated 3/13/67, the Attorney General requested copies of all FBI investigative reports which related to the investigation now being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney Garrison or to any alleged New Orleans area plot to assassinate President Kennedy. The Department stated it did not desire to be furnished Commission Document Number 75 or memoranda beginning about 2/20/67 relating data concerning Garrison's investigation. The day-to-day developments of the investigation of Garrison which comes to our attention through our sources has been immediately made available to the Department. We will continue to make such dissemination. The request of the Attorney General to be furnished all FBI reports relating to any alleged New Orleans area plot to assassinate President Kennedy is a sweeping request. Throughout our investigation, we received a tremendous number of allegations of plots by pro-Castro Cubans, anti-Castro Cubans, left wing elements, ultra-right elements and the like. To pinpoint each investigative report concerning such allegations will necessitate a serial by serial file review. The New Orleans Office can best handle such review, since all data concerning such plots are contained in New Orleans files regarding the assassination case and the Lee Harvey Oswald case.

ACTION: 1. Attached is a memorandum to the Attorney General referring him to our letter of 8/10/65 and the list attached thereto which set out the pages to be excluded from the public domain in accordance with guidelines established by Mr. McGeorge Bundy, former Special Assistant to the President. We are informing the Attorney General that the final decision as to public disclosure of the material in question presently excluded in Commission Document Number 75 rests with the Department of Justice. We are also informing the Attorney General we are

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Memorandum Branigan to Sullivan
Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY
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making a thorough review of our files and will furnish to him copies of FBI communications containing any alleged plot in the New Orleans area to assassinate President Kennedy.

2. Attached is an airtel to the New Orleans Office furnishing such office with a copy of the Attorney General's letter of 3/13/67, and instructing the New Orleans Office to review its files and furnish to the Bureau for transmittal to the Department copies of all FBI reports and letterhead memoranda setting forth information regarding any alleged New Orleans area plot to assassinate President Kennedy.

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Mr. Harold Harfoot Sanders, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 23, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Wick

March 7, 1967

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Inspector Jensen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. Lonihan

In accordance with your request of March 7, 1967, this is to advise that while most of the results of our investigation in New Orleans, Louisiana, of the assassination of the late President Kennedy is available to the public, there are some documents that are not available to the public.

The data being withheld from the public is in accordance with guidelines approved by Mr. McGeorge Bundy, former Special Assistant to the President. The guidelines approved by Mr. Bundy were furnished to this Bureau as an attachment to former Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach's letter to this Bureau dated July 6, 1965, entitled "Public disclosure of Warren Commission records."

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NOTE: -The vast majority of our investigation in New Orleans is contained in reports which have been made available to the public. However, some data was held back from the public since it fell within the guidelines approved by McGeorge Bundy. According to the guidelines, the type of data to be held back from the public were as follows: Statutory requirements which prohibit public disclosure; respect of security classification of the data being reported; data detrimental to the administration and enforcement of laws and regulations of the U. S.; information which would reveal identity of confidential sources; disclosure of which would harm or embarrass innocent persons. By letter to the Attorney General dated August 10, 1965, we stated that in our view the final decision as to the public disclosure of material being held back from the public rests with the Department of Justice.

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TO: ALL SACs

PERSONAL ATTENTION

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

ReDunairtel to all SACs 2/24/67, containing instructions concerning the handling of information regarding investigation being conducted by District Attorney James C. Garrison in New Orleans.

As a result of publicity concerning this matter, the volume of mail regarding the assassination has increased measurably. A majority of the information received is speculative and rumor-type, alleging other individuals are involved in the assassination.

All offices should continue to accept any information regarding the assassination; however, no investigation is to be conducted without Bureau approval irrespective of the nature of the data furnished.

Should pertinent information be received, which by necessity requires immediate investigation or other action, the Bureau is to be notified either by telephone or teletype, depending upon the urgency of the situation.

Any pertinent information relating to the assassination is to be incorporated into a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination and furnished to the Bureau by airtel the same day that it is received. Copies of the letterhead memorandum are to be furnished to Dallas, the office of origin and other interested offices.

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memo, same caption, March 3, 1967, MR:em.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: March 3, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Wick
- 1 - Mr. Gale

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

PURPOSE:

To recommend airtel to the field furnishing additional instructions as to the manner information received concerning the assassination of President Kennedy should be handled.

BACKGROUND:

By airtel dated 2/24/67, all offices were instructed to accept any information furnished relating to District Attorney Garrison's investigation; to advise the Bureau promptly of data received, but that no active investigation was to be conducted. In addition, this airtel instructed that no comments concerning Garrison's investigation should be made and this matter was not to be discussed outside the Bureau.

There has been widespread publicity concerning Garrison's activities in New Orleans and, as a result, we are receiving voluminous information concerning speculation and rumors regarding the assassination. Such information, even though having no apparent connection to developments in New Orleans, should be completely evaluated at the Bureau prior to conducting further inquiries. Accordingly, attached for approval is an airtel to all SACs, instructing that we should continue to accept any information concerning the assassination; however, no investigation is to be conducted without first obtaining Bureau authorization.

In addition, field is being instructed to submit the same day data received a letterhead memorandum containing the pertinent information which can be used for dissemination purposes. In addition, this airtel instructs the field to advise the Bureau by either telephone or teletype of any pertinent information received or data which by necessity should be immediately investigated.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
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ACTION:

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