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LOREN EUGENE HALL was interviewed at his request. Also present at this interview was G. DWAIN BATT, Supervisor, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, Department of Justice, State of California.

HALL advised that in 1959 he was imprisoned in Cuba by FIDEL CASTRO for conspiring to overthrow the government. He had been in Cuba along with several other mercenaries training guerrilla troops to overthrow the government of JUAN BAUTISTA. He was released from the Cuban prison after signing a statement denouncing his American citizenship.

After his release from the prison, he returned to the United States and began a series of speaking engagements sponsored by the John Birch Society. The purpose of the speaking tour was to raise funds to finance a mercenary force of Cuban refugees to return to Cuba and assassinate CASTRO. HALL advised he was subsequently arrested for violation of the Neutrality Act and a large supply of arms, ammunition and medical supplies was seized from him on No Name Key, Florida.

HALL exhibited a copy of an interview of him by SA LEON F. BROWN, Los Angeles, regarding his involvement with individuals in Dallas, Texas, immediately prior to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. HALL advised that the report of the interview prepared by SA BROWN was fictitious and was not an accurate statement of the remarks which he made to SA BROWN.

He advised that in addition to the falsification of the above document, someone had altered a YMCA registry in Dallas, Texas. HALL advised someone had added the name of a third associate of his to the registry. He advised that he and WILLIAM SEYMORE stayed at the YMCA, but when the document appeared before a Grand Jury in New Orleans, Louisiana, directed by JAMES GARRISON, a third name had been added to the registry.

HALL added he was making these facts known to the FBI at this time inasmuch as he feared his life was in danger. HALL advised that he is positive someone, either the FBI or the CIA, is surveilling him and has on one occasion forced him off the

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read in an attempt to murder him. HALL advised he feels this is being done because he possesses information regarding the assassination of President KENNEDY and the CIA's involvement in attempts to assassinate FIDEL CASTRO.

HALL advised that recently a newspaper known as "The National Tattler" carried a special edition alleging that he was one of several men responsible for killing President KENNEDY. HALL furnished a copy of "The National Tattler" dated September 1975 entitled "Kennedy Murder Solved." It contains numerous references to him and his alleged involvement in a conspiracy to assassinate President KENNEDY.

HALL advised he anticipates being subpoenaed before a Congressional Committee directed by Senator FRANK CHURCH of Oregon in the very near future.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (62-0)

DATE: 10-13-71

FROM : 

SUBJECT: JEAN HILL;
EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY;
Misc. Info. Concerning

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At 11:02pm this date, Mrs. HILL, 9402 Bluff Creek, 381-7817, Dallas, contacted this office and advised as follows:

Mrs. HILL possesses a very personal telephone number listed to an alias and designed to be used only by close friends in emergencies. This date, BRADLEY, who is employed by Christian Beacon Incorp. under Dr. Mc Intire, of Collinwood, New Jersey, contacted HILL on this private line. HILL was a witness to Kennedy assassination and allegedly took a polaroid photograph of the event; BRADLEY is allegedly subject of GARRISON investigation which purposes BRADLEY to be a conspriator in the assassination. HILL states BRADLEY has gone to great length to find her and her telephone number and he is now demanding an interview with her on the matter, or else.

Mrs. HILL requested that SAC Shanklin contact her regarding this matter, as she does not wish to become involved with BRADLEY or this matter again.

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Mrs. Hill contacted telephonically.
Stated merely wanted to report info to FBI.
Said she would advise if she received
any further contact.
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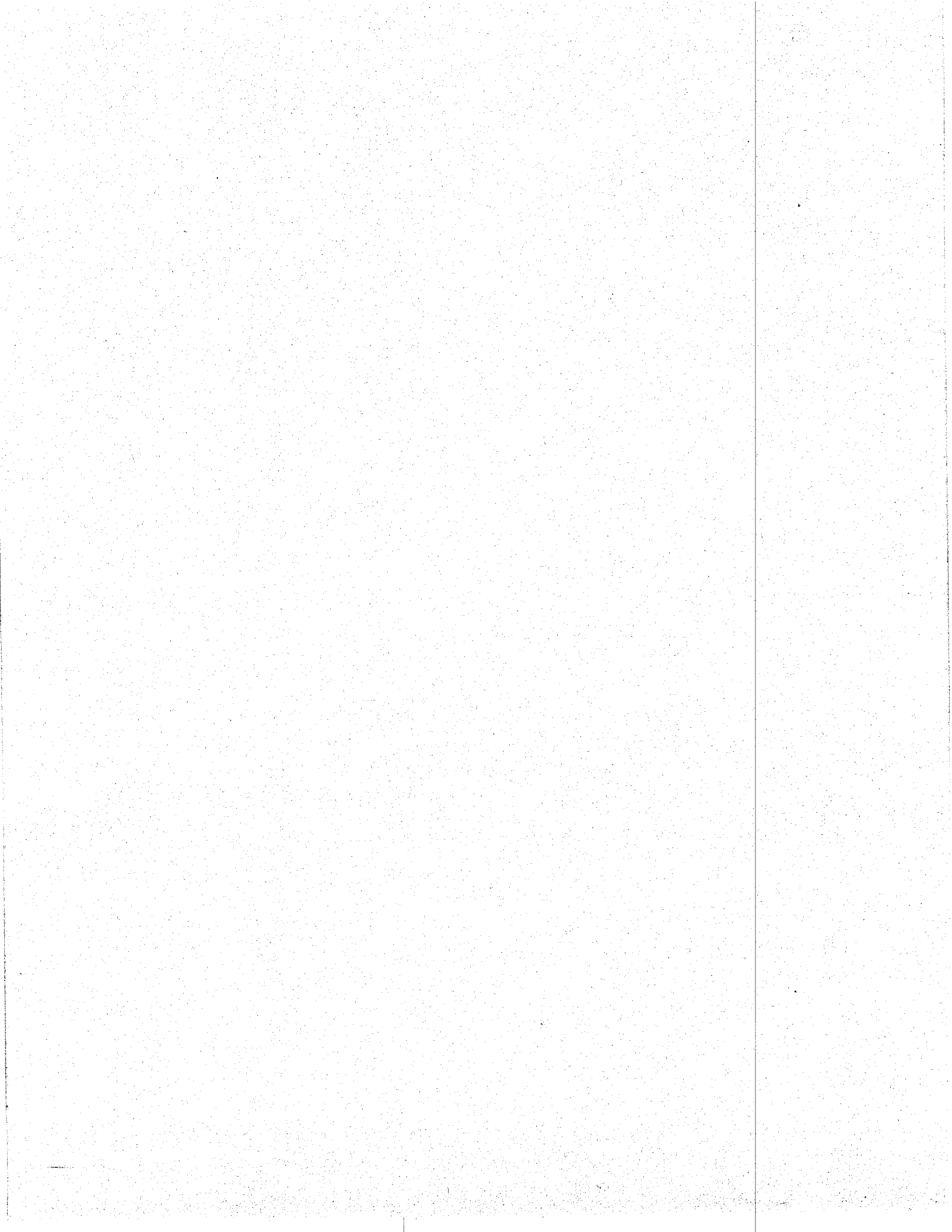
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Upon being advised of Mrs. HILL's call to the Dallas Office, I called the New Orleans Office and talked with Supervisor WALL, who advised that TOM BETHEL and JOE OZER are both representatives of District Attorney GARRISON at New Orleans, and from information available to him, GARRISON's investigators have been contacting a number of individuals concerning President KENNEDY's assassination.

At 3:30 p.m., this date, Mrs. HILL called and asked whether or not she had to submit to interview by BETHEL and OZER. I indicated to Mrs. HILL this was her prerogative and if she did not desire to be interviewed by them she did not have to, but this was a decision she would have to make. She stated that BETHEL on his earlier call to her had asked the question had she ever been intimidated by the FBI and her answer to him was that she had never been intimidated by the FBI.

Mrs. HILL concluded her conversation by stating that she was going to make some excuse and not be available for the 4 o'clock appointment with these two individuals. She stated if she were contacted by them she would notify the Dallas Office as to the result of their inquiry.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (89-43)

FROM : SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN

DATE: 12/27/67

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS 11/22/63
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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On 12/27/67, Supv. WILLIAM BRANNIGAN called from the Bureau and referred to various articles appearing in Washington papers, New York Times, New Orleans, etc. concerning GARRISON's press release. He stated that generally the Director had asked questions regarding GARRISON saying that on 11/17/63, LEE HARVEY OSWALD had alerted the FBI that an assassination attempt would be made on President KENNEDY in Dallas on 11/22/63. He stated it was also indicated, particularly in the New York Times, that the FBI sent out a TWX (probably from headquarters) that on 11/22/63, an attempt would be made to assassinate President JOHN F. KENNEDY. Did Dallas send out any such teletype, or did Dallas receive any such teletype? He stated also that the Director had seen something saying that the same thing had happened on 9/17/63. I pointed out to Mr. BRANNIGAN that apparently this was a typographical error on the part of an AP release which we received here, as all the other releases were talking about Nov. 17, 1963, but he stated he wanted the same answers and same checks made as to that date.

In addition, he stated that the New York Times was carrying a story to the effect that GARRISON had stated that one LORAN HALL of California had inside knowledge of the assassination plot on the day that it happened and that he had never been called before the Warren Commission. He stated, however, the New York Times also indicated that LORAN HALL was mentioned in the Warren report and that he had been interviewed by the FBI and told the FBI in September, 1963 that he was in Dallas, Texas soliciting aid for a group against CASTRO of Cuba. The Director wanted to know when did we first talk to HALL.

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ADDENDUM: At 3:45 PM this date, I telephonically advised Mr. WILLIAM BRANNIGAN that the records of the Dallas office do not reflect that we ever received any threat on President KENNEDY's life and that with particular reference to the dates of Sept. 17, 1963 and Nov. 17, 1963, we did not send any teletype to anyone, including the Bureau, in this regard, nor did we receive any such teletype. He stated that a check of the Bureau abstracts reflected one teletype from Dallas on 11/17/63. It had something to do with an unknown subject and a bomb in the Baker Hotel. I checked and found that this was our file 157-302 and this had to do with receiving a call from the Police Department to the effect that someone with the Welcoming Committee for Governor GEORGE WALLACE of Alabama had received a telephone call on 11/17/63 to the effect there might be a bomb in the Baker Hotel tomorrow. I advised him that nothing had come of this, and this had no connection with President KENNEDY's visit.

I also advised him that a check of our records reflected that the first time that LORAN EUGENE HALL was interviewed in connection with the assassination was by SA LEON F. BROWN on 9/16/64 at Johnsondale, California. This interview is reported on page 3 of the report of SA HARRY H. WHIDBEN, Los Angeles, dated 9/25/64. I pointed out to him, however, that I could not exactly say when HALL had first been interviewed by the FBI because our files reflected that he had been talked to in Dallas on 10/17/63 while he was in custody of the local police for possession of drugs, and that he had given some information concerning his connection with a Cuban Revolutionary Council; that we had sent this information by LHM to the Bureau and various other offices by airtel and LHM 10/23/63, and that the Bureau had come back by letter to Kansas City dated 11/6/63 and various other offices, pointing out that HALL was emotionally disturbed and that apparently no further inquiries were warranted other than an indices check requested by Dallas. I pointed out to him, however, that our file reflected that the Bureau had been office of origin in a case styled LOREN EUGENE HALL: [REDACTED] b7C and that our file would not necessarily show exactly when he was first interviewed in this matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: ALL AGENTS
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (89-43)
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63
MISC. - INFO CONCERNING

DATE: 3/8/67

Rememo to All Employees dated 3/1/67, concerning the handling of information regarding investigation being conducted by District Attorney JAMES C. GARRISON in New Orleans.

The Bureau has advised that as a result of publicity concerning captioned matter, the volume of mail regarding the assassination has increased measurably. Much of the information received is speculative and rumor type, alleging other individuals are involved in the assassination.

The Bureau has instructed that 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 question as to whether information received is pertinent should be resolved by contact with the SAC, ASAC or Supervisor GEMBERLING.

The Bureau has further instructed that any pertinent information relating to the assassination is to be incorporated into an LHM suitable for dissemination and furnished to the Bureau by airtel the same date it is received. Copies, of course, should be furnished to any interested offices.

All Agents are to fully comply with the instructions outlined above.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (89-43)

DATE: 2/23/67

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY, Dallas, Texas 11/22/63
AFO

At 12:45 PM, 2/23/67, Inspector J. R. MALLEY of the Bureau called and stated that he had just had a long session with the Director. He pointed out that the Attorney General was trying to get the Bureau to contact District Attorney GARRISON and that he Director wants no part of that. He doesn't want anything given out to the newspapers, and all answers are to be no comment.

The Director has requested that a complete review be made of OSWALD's activities to be absolutely certain that there are no loopholes that we can be caught with in the future. He asked that I take this up with all the Agents available who actually worked on the case and then they would want a teletype (first call him), setting out exactly how we handled the case, what we did to insure that all leads were covered, and then something of a general statement to the general effect that everything that came up during the investigation was run out to a logical conclusion regarding OSWALD's associates and his activities.

ADDENDUM : At 6:00 PM, 2/23/67, Inspector J. R. MALLEY JGS:mfr telephonically advised that Assistant to the 2/24/67 Director DE LOACH had discussed this matter with the Director and for the time being, they were going to confine their file review to the investigation of OSWALD in the New Orleans area. It was therefore not necessary for Dallas to send in any communication. However, if in discussing this matter with the Agents who worked on the case, there is any possible loopholes discovered, then New Orleans and the Bureau should certainly be advised. Also, he stressed the fact that we would accept any information voluntarily furnished, but under no circumstances were we to make any inquiries regarding the GARRISON finco. All Agents should be instructed to make no comment.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (89-43)

DATE: 2/23/67

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

*Info from SAC Righthooper
New Orleans*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN F. KENNEDY
Dallas, Texas, 11/22/63
AFO

At 11:15 AM this date, Inspector J. R. MALLEY of the Bureau called and said he had just concluded a 30 minute conference with the Director regarding captioned case, and that the Director had given very definite comments regarding the matter, which he instructed MALLEY to pass on to me immediately.

(1) The Attorney General is trying to get the FBI to go to GARRISON and get what he has on this case. The Director is vehemently opposed to doing this and has taken the position that it will just give GARRISON an opportunity to dump his fiasco on the FBI.

(2) The Director was particularly aggravated at GARRISON's comment to the effect that five men in his office did more in three months than 5,000 Federal investigators did in three years. He inquired of MALLEY as to the number of Agents New Orleans had on the assassination special. MALLEY told him 30. I ascertained the number actually used and I called him at the first opportunity.

(3) MALLEY said the fact that RAY BECK, former Special Agent was working for the District Attorney's office was brought to his attention by someone in the Bureau, not the Director. I told him we had interviewed him back in early January, and that the result of that interview was in an airtel captioned as above dated 1/4/67. I further told him that about a month ago, RAY BECK left the DA's office and is now employed by WILLARD ROBERTSON, a Volks Wagon distributor in New Orleans. I mentioned to MALLEY that ROBERTSON is a close social acquaintance of GARRISON and is reported to be his financial backer. ROBERTSON is reported to be a multi-millionaire. MALLEY wants this information woven into the next teletype we send out. He wants to know if RAY BECK has worked or is now working on this matter.



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(4) The Director specifically instructed, "Give nothing to USA LACOUR in New Orleans. Tell him that everything is being sent direct to the Attorney General's office. By way of explanation, for some unknown reason VINCENT, the head of the Criminal Division, who would have a normal interest in this matter, is making numerous requests of the Bureau. Also, BAREFOOT SANDERS, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Division, is making numerous requests; therefore, the Bureau has adopted the policy to give everything direct to the Attorney General.

(5) Give GARRISON nothing.

(6) Tell RIGHTMYER that he wants him and all personnel in New Orleans to keep their big mouths shut.

(7) New Orleans should, as best they can, be aware of what GARRISON is doing without revealing the FBI's interest.

(8) For example, New Orleans handled the autopsy report in an outstanding fashion. They were able to ascertain the date and call the Bureau without GARRISON being aware of that fact.

(9) I discussed the matter of accepting information which was volunteered to us. MALLEY said that we could accept information volunteered to us, but we must be most careful not to convey the idea that we are soliciting information from the person offering us the information.

(10) Instruct New Orleans to make a complete review of all investigation relating to OSWALD's activities in New Orleans. The Director said, "I don't want to be hit by anyone like HOSTY's. Find the loopholes so we can plug them." MALLEY mentioned that as best he could recall, the New Orleans investigation shows there were possibly two months that OSWALD was in New Orleans and that we did not ascertain what he was doing during those two months except insofar as data furnished by his wife, MARINA OSWALD.

MALLEY said he did not construe this instruction of the Director to mean that we should conduct any investigation, but merely to find and locate any loopholes so that the matters could be further considered.

