

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SA RICHARD J. RAYSA

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re FD-71 of SA ROBERT H. CLAUDIUS dated 5/24/68.

On 5/27/68 JOHN AUSTIN was contacted at his residence, 13759 Cohasset, Van Nuys, California. AUSTIN advised that he is a free-lance writer, and made available his business card which reads as follows: "Representing Screen Stars - Movie World Magazine - New York Macquarie Broadcasting Service - Australia Springer News Service - Hamburg - New York. John Austin. Motion Picture Columnist - Hollywood Editor."

AUSTIN continued that he has a "source" by the name of LORAN E. HALL, who can be reached at LA telephone 962-7404, and who AUSTIN has advanced considerable sums of money for information regarding the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY. According to AUSTIN, HALL describes himself as an "anti-Communist - Cuban freedom fighter." AUSTIN stated that on the basis of information furnished by HALL, he is convinced that the assassination resulted from a conspiracy. He noted that HALL recently returned from New Orleans, La. where he testified before a grand jury, at the request of New Orleans Dist. Atty. JIM GARRISON, supposedly to the effect that in early 1963 he attended a meeting in Los Angeles, also attended by EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY and CLINTON WHEAT, at which the possibility of assassinating KENNEDY was discussed.

AUSTIN indicated that HALL recently told him that the same "forces" behind the assassination of KENNEDY are responsible for the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING. According to AUSTIN, HALL maintains that CLINTON WHEAT has used the name ERIC STARVO GALT in the past, and is part of a conspiracy which conceived the KING murder.

AUSTIN noted that he does not have any idea where HALL obtains his information. However, he stated that he felt that HALL "was on the right track."

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Los Angeles indices reflect that LORAN EUGENE HALL is the subject of LA file [redacted] Bufile [redacted] captioned [redacted] which file reflects that when interviewed by the FBI in 1959, HALL claimed that he recently returned from Cuba where he trained men in the use of arms in preparation for an invasion of Nicaragua; and that when interviewed by the FBI in 1963, HALL claimed to be a captain in the Cuban Revolutionary Council in Miami, Fla., and that he was engaged in "counter-revolutionary" activities in Cuba.

LA file 89-75, Assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63, Dallas, Texas, Misc. Info. Concerning, reflects that HALL, in early May, 1968, testified in New Orleans, La. in connection with New Orleans' Dist. Atty. JIM GARRISON's investigation into the assassination of KENNEDY.

Above information from AUSTIN re information furnished by HALL, discussed with Supv. WILLIAM J. HOLLAN, who advised that in view of HALL's background and close association with New Orleans Dist. Atty. JIM GARRISON's investigation into the assassination of KENNEDY, this individual should not be interviewed re MURKIN.